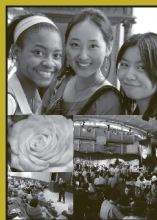




Davis
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Alumnus &
World Bank
Chief Economist
Justin Lin
to address
conference



Alumni
Weekend
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June 3–6



59th Street Jazz
Series presents
the Chicago
Jazz Orchestra
on April 25

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I-HOUSE LIFE

International House is Host to Iraqi Archaeologists from Iraq Cultural Heritage Project

International House is currently the residence of six archaeologists from Iraq who are completing archeological training with the Oriental Institute and the Field Museum as a part of the State Department-sponsored Iraq Cultural Heritage Project. The project was launched in 2008 in order to help Iraqi archaeologists protect their remaining archaeological treasures after extensive damage from the Iraq War.

Iraq has a vast collection of ancient artifacts and archaeological sites that are invaluable to the archaeological field, but calamitous losses from looting and damage occurred after the start of the Iraq War in 2003. The Iraq Museum in Baghdad suffered tremendously, losing around 15,000 artifacts to looters after the U.S. invasion in 2003.

The Iraq Cultural Heritage Project is designed to ensure that Iraq's remaining archaeological sites and materials are preserved well. The

project has provided approximately \$13 million in order to build a training institute in Erbil (the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan), help archaeologists publish excavation reports in Arabic and English, and provide the Iraq Museum with better collection and conservation tools and technologies.

The project that the archaeologists staying at I-House are working on is directed by Field Museum of Natural History curator James Phillips, AM'65; working with Oriental Institute director Gil Stein. The two museums coordinate to provide the archaeologists with training that they will utilize when they return to Iraq. The training includes one month of English-language courses at International House and five months of archaeological training. This includes working with the staff of the Field Museum and Oriental Institute on conserving metals, papers, and

ceramics; data management; storage; and exhibit design.

A total of 18 archaeologists are part of the training project in Chicago, and all of them will live at I-House while working on the project. Of the six that are currently at I-House; four work in Baghdad, one works in the Babylon museum, and one works in Kurdistan's Sulamuniyah Museum.

The training process is important in order to restore the quality of excavation and archaeological study in Iraq. Despite the fact that the area is home to some of the world's most valuable artifacts and historical sites, it has been difficult for Iraqis to receive top-quality archaeological training in recent times due to the volatile political situation. According to McGuire Gibson, AM'64, PhD'68, Professor in the Oriental Institute and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, most of the older and experienced Iraqi archaeologists are no longer in Iraq because "so many of them have left, or they're working in other countries, or they've retired." Since 1991, the university system has been "on hold" because of the economic embargo placed by the UN Security Council.

The goal of the project is to help the Iraqi archaeologists become self-sustaining. Methaq (last names withheld), an archaeologist currently in the Chicago training program, spoke about the differences between

museums in Iraq and Chicago. "Here the museums are so modern," she says. The Iraq Museum also lacks the Field's space. "We try to make some space in the storage," says Methaq's colleague Ali, "but it soon gets filled by new artifacts, including looted items returned to the museum. So we store them again on the ground, which is not a very healthy environment for many pieces."

The archaeologists will face a daunting task when they return to Iraq because archaeological sites remain unguarded and open to damage. Participants are also at personal risk—Iraq Museum curator Donny George Youkhanna received death threats for his preservation efforts. The archaeologists' brave contribution to this project is invaluable, according to Oriental Institute director Geoff Emberling. He states, "The loss of Iraq's cultural heritage is simply a loss for humanity."

To learn more, read the article "Raised from the Ruins" in the March-April 2010 edition of University of Chicago Magazine



Iraqi archaeologists learn new methods of conservation



Message from the Director—

Spring is a time of rebirth and closure at International House. Our residents have returned from Spring Break and are looking ahead to another challenging academic quarter. Staff are preparing to transition to a new year as we begin recruiting residents and announce our new Residential Fellows. At the same time, we are preparing to bid farewell to those who will be graduating and moving on to life beyond the university.

To some, separating from International House and the campus is sad. Leaving friends, looking for a new community to invest energy in and searching for employment in a challenging global economy are all part of this transition. We are reminded that leaving International House is part of the natural progression of this unique experience. Living as a member of our community is a transitory and transformational experience—one that is experienced and lived in the short term so that the lessons learned may be applied over a lifetime. Alumni often share their reflections with us on how the International House experience changed their view of the world.

In June, we will assist the next group of residents to move beyond our community to share their world perspective with others in their choice of a profession and in the way they live their lives. As alumni, you are at the heart of International House's worldwide community. We deeply appreciate all that our alumni and friends community does—recommending International House to prospective residents; mentoring and hiring our graduates; supporting our community as donors and volunteers; and using their International House experience to make a difference in the world.

On behalf of our current residents, thank you for your support and for the confidence it represents in International House's continued mission. We invite you to visit us during Alumni Weekend planned for June 3–6 or any time you return to campus.

William L. McCartney, Director

I-HOUSE NEWS



Davis Projects for Peace Announced

Two International House of Chicago residents, Ifrah Magan and Li Chen, have been awarded Davis Projects for Peace Grants to implement their own grassroots projects during the summer of 2010. Now in its fourth 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 I-House New York. International House of Chicago residents were invited to design and implement grassroots “projects for peace.” Each project will receive a grant of \$10,000.

Ifrah Magan, a student at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, will use the grant to help empower refugees living in the Chicagoland area through literacy programs and peace workshops. Funds will be used to create a library at Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, a non-profit community organization based in Chicago. The library will serve as a venue for literacy programs as well as peace education workshops. Magan hopes her project will help refugees learn more about American culture and improve their English skills. Her passion for helping refugees comes from her own personal experiences. Originally from Somalia, her family was forced from their home and resettled in Egypt where they had to overcome cultural and language barriers. As an intern at Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, Magan has witnessed firsthand the struggles and challenges facing refugees in the United States. “Each day, I am able to learn about different experiences and the life stories of the refugees that we serve. The stories, however difficult, are also always fascinating and I often look back at my own personal story and find many similarities.” Being trilingual in Somali, Arabic, and English, Magan hopes to help improve the lives of refugees and their children in the United States. She will coordinate literacy groups focused on reading, writing, and building vocabulary skills. Participants will have the chance to engage in discussions in a safe and positive environment. Magan will also conduct education workshops where participants will be able to share their own life experiences and raise awareness of conflicts around the world.

Li Chen, a first-year graduate student in International Relations and recipient of the Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Endowed Fellowship at International House, is the other recipient of a Davis Projects for Peace award. He will use the \$10,000 to promote communication and understanding between students from China and Taiwan by sponsoring a conference titled *The Cross-Strait Student Leadership Conference* (CSSLC). This conference will be an intensive, seven-day program that will provide students from mainland China and Taiwan an opportunity for open dialogue and discussion about ongoing issues and present-day affairs between the two countries. Chen said this project is a chance to “let the seeds of peace grow with the nurture of friendship, dialogue, and understanding between China and Taiwan.” The conference will take place in Shenzhen, China, a dynamic and liberal coastal city, and will examine the different aspects of cross-strait relations through seminars, workshops, and roundtable discussions. Experts and scholars in the field will also be invited to partake in the conference to offer their knowledge and views on the issues. Chen also plans to include a two-day homestay as part of the conference to give Taiwanese students a chance to stay with their Chinese peers. Ultimately, Chen hopes his grassroots cross-strait initiative will inspire and give young students the skills to launch similar chapters and programs in their own schools to help create a sustainable communication network for future generations.

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 International House worldwide 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.

Former I-House Resident an *Alice in Wonderland* Expert



Martin Gardner, AB'36, who lived at I-House in 1934, is one of the world's leading scholars on Lewis Carroll, author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*, and *What*

Alice Found There. Gardner is the author of three annotated versions of this beloved classic: *The Annotated Alice* (1960), *More Annotated Alice* (1990), and *Annotated Alice, The Definitive Edition* (1999). In these works, Gardner includes

extensive annotations to explain references to Victorian society, abstract mathematical concepts, and the use of puns found in Carroll's *Alice* novels. It is no surprise Gardner took a keen interest in the riddles and logic presented in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*; Gardner is considered one of the world's leading figures in recreational mathematics, a field that encompasses mathematics puzzles and games. He was the author of the "Mathematical Games" column that ran from 1956 to 1981 in the popular science magazine *Scientific American* and has

published over seventy books throughout his career, many of them bestsellers. *The Annotated Alice* has sold over a million copies and has been translated into numerous languages. Like the magical world found in the current film, *Alice in Wonderland*, Gardner is also a serious enthusiast when it comes to magic tricks. Many of his books, including his classic book *Mathematics, Magic and Mystery* (1956), illustrate in-depth close-up magic principles. Now 95 years old, Gardner never considers himself too old when it comes to playing with magic tricks.

I N M E M O R I A M

Leonard D. Berkovitz, SB'46, SM'48, PhD'51, died October 13 in Indianapolis. He was 85. He lived at I-House from 1950 to 1951. A World War II veteran, he was a research fellow at Stanford University and the California Institute of Technology before joining the Rand Corporation's mathematics division, where he helped to introduce the now-common idea of using simulation methods to determine the outcome of Air Force tactical engagements. In 1962, he became a mathematics professor at Purdue University, where he spent five years as department head. Before his 2003 retirement, Berkovitz wrote several books on mathematical game theory. He is survived by his wife, Anna; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Carl J. Odenkirchen, AM'47, died July 9 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was 88. He lived at I-House from 1946 to 1947. Odenkirchen was an Army physician's assistant during World War II before joining the language and linguistics faculties at universities in Illinois, Arizona, and New York. After 35 years at the State University of New York at Albany, he retired in 1986. A classical-music enthusiast, he played several instruments in symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles. He is survived by his wife, Stella Odenkirchen (whom he met at I-House) PhB'45, AM'48; a daughter; a son; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Laird Charles Brodie, SM'49, died July 31 in Portland, Oregon. He was 86. He lived at I-House from 1946 to 1948. A World War II veteran, he joined Portland State University as a physics professor in 1956. Although his primary research focused on heat transfer in cryogenic liquids, he later taught courses on the physics of music and photography. Brodie played in the Portland Opera Orchestra and the Marylhurst College Orchestra for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters; a son; a brother, Alan Brodie, JD'54; a sister; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Johnnie Hines Watts Prothro, PhD'52, died June 6 in Decatur, Georgia. She was 87. She lived at I-House from 1948 to 1952. The first woman and the first African American appointed to USAID's

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, she served as a nutrition professor and researched at various institutions, including Tuskegee University, the University of Connecticut, and Emory University, retiring from Georgia State in 1989. She is survived by her daughter, a granddaughter, and a grandson.

Blair Ewing, AM'60, died June 29 in Rockville, Maryland. He was 75. He lived at I-House in 1956. Ewing spent nearly three decades working for the federal government, including 22 years as a senior executive at the Justice Department, Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Defense. An advocate for school integration, he served on the Montgomery County (MD) school board from 1976 to 1998, including two terms as president, and spent four years on the county council. After retiring in 1998, Ewing taught part-time at Montgomery College and was appointed to the state school board in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons; and two grandsons.

Robert F. Carbone, PhD'61, died July 29 in Sandy Spring, Maryland. He was 80. He lived at I-House in 1958. A Korean War veteran, Carbone worked briefly as a special assistant to the University of Wisconsin's president, then as assistant education professor at Emory University. He joined the University of Maryland in 1970 as dean of the College of Education and taught for 23 years before retiring in 1993 as professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; a daughter; a son; a brother; and three grandchildren.

John E. Jeuck, AB'37, MBA'38, PhD'49, former dean of Chicago Booth (formerly the Graduate School of Business), died December 18 in Evanston, Illinois. He was 93. A World War II veteran, Jeuck joined Chicago in 1946 where he lived at I-House. Over the next four decades, he led the creation of a downtown business-school location; wrote an acclaimed history of Sears, Roebuck, and Company; and won the 1979 McKinsey Award for Excellence in Teaching. He also served as director or consultant for more than a dozen companies,

including Walgreens, Midway Airlines, Coca-Cola Inc., and IBM. After retiring as the Robert Law professor of business administration in 1988, he started the Distinguished Fellows Program, which annually provides five MBA students with full tuition and leadership training.

Jean Burnet, PhD'48, a sociologist, died September 14 in Toronto. She was 90. Burnet lived at I-House from 1944 to 1945. She taught at the University of Toronto before joining Glendon College in 1967. There she founded the sociology department, focusing on multiculturalism and women's studies. Chair of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee on Multiculturalism Issues and the Canadian Ethnic History Advisory Panel, Burnet was honored with the 1989 Order of Canada and the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association's first Lifetime Achievement Award. She is survived by her nieces and nephews.

Frank H. Braunlich, SB'43, died January 22 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was 88. He lived at I-House from 1942 to 1943 as a meteorology cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps. A World War II veteran, Braunlich was a chemical engineer in the oil services industry, designing oil well treatments to increase production. He taught at the Spartan School of Aeronautics and later became a chemical engineer for Dowell Division of Dow Chemical Company in Tulsa. He was in charge of the new field of industrial hygiene and safety for the protection of employees and environment during the last 15 years of his career. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; a sister; four children; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren.

Chi-An Hsiao, SM'64, died December 30 in Tucson, Arizona. He was 91. Hsiao received a Chinese Government Scholarship to come to the U.S. to study physics at the University of Chicago where he lived at I-House during his time as a student. He later became a physics instructor at Roosevelt University in Chicago. After retiring, he moved to Tucson where he resided for many years and provided valuable assistance to students and scholars from China at the University of Arizona.



Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program Launched

International House is pleased to announce the establishment of the Jeff Metcalf – Global Voices Internship Program for undergraduate students in the College residing at International House. Donors to the Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program make it possible for the College to provide undergraduates with the types of highly competitive and prestigious internship and enrichment opportunities they must have as a stepping stone to future employment. By enabling the University to offer paid opportunities to undergraduates, donors make it possible for students from all economic backgrounds to pursue internships that relate to their academic interests and professional aspirations without sacrificing their need to earn money during the academic year.

Naming Opportunities

Named Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program (Endowed)
\$100,000 and up

A gift in this range provides endowed support to fund one Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship in perpetuity. Donors at this level receive annual reports about students enrolled in the internship program, and are given the opportunity to meet their students. An endowed gift at this level also gives the donor the opportunity to name the internship for him or herself or in someone's honor. Donors also receive an invitation to the annual Metcalf Fellows Program Reunion.

Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program (Expendable) \$6,000

An expendable gift at this level supports one Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship for one academic year including a housing stipend of \$2000 for housing at International House. Donors at this level receive a report from students enrolled in the program, and an invitation to the annual Metcalf event.

Why Give to the Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program?

The Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Program provides students with hands-on experience in public programming and performing arts management at International House. Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internships enable undergraduates to make important contributions to the field of international education and to the social and intellectual development of a global citizenry. Through collaborations with foreign consulates, outreach programs with Chicago-area international organizations, world music and dance performances and forums and symposiums led by distinguished guest speakers, Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Interns advance cross-cultural understanding and promote opportunities for civic discourse on community, national and world affairs.

Interns gain expertise in marketing, public relations, event coordination and logistics and the opportunity to work and live at International House, one of the most culturally-diverse institutions in the nation. They are selected on the basis of academic credit, leadership skills and their unique abilities to contribute to the social and intellectual life of International House. Throughout the internship, they are expected to attend programs presented through the International House Global Voices Performing Arts & Public Lecture Series and to develop meaningful relationships with a wide-array of constituent groups, experienced professionals, leading artists and guest lecturers from the world stage.

For more information on supporting the Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program, please contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at (773) 753-2281 or i-house-programs@uchicago.edu.

Gifts of every amount mean the world to International House.

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In these tough economic times you may ask, “What difference does my gift really make?” You might find the answer surprising—and encouraging. Every gift to International House has a direct and immediate impact. From supporting fellowships for residents to underwriting all kinds of lively programming, the generosity of alumni and friends adds up.

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Funds ticket to the annual Candlelight Sunday Supper, an International House tradition since 1910.
- **10 gifts of \$100**
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Support a student internship with the Global Voices Lecture or Performing Arts Program.
- **A gift of \$50**
Covers a student's course materials for a quarterly English Language Institute course at International House.
- **A gift of \$150**
Funds a nationality table at the annual Festival of Nations.

Students from around the world are grateful for your support in any amount. Please make a gift today!

A Legacy of Opportunity

The Jeff Metcalf Fellows Program honors Harold “Jeff” Metcalf (AM’53), Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business from 1956-1975 and Director of Athletics for the University from 1976-1981. Jeff Metcalf was also a long time member of the International House Board of Governors serving on the Development

Committee. More than 1000 students in The College at the University of Chicago have benefited from the program. Since the Program's inception in 1997, its growth has been made possible by alumni, parents and friends all over the world, and it has remained true to Jeff's vision of strengthening the University's global community.

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 21, April 18

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April 8 Global Voices: Performing Arts Series

Porto Luz African Jubilee featuring Diblo Dibala



Café Society
April 14, May 12
Community discussion program

April 30 Film

Poto Mitran: Haitian Women Pillars of the Global Economy

May 1
Global Voices
Performing Arts Series
Third Coast Percussion Concert



May 6
Conference
Fathering Urban Youth: The Role of Fathers in Adolescent Risk Reduction

Saturday, May 8
Spring Festival Series
African Caribbean Students' Association Presents: *Women Take Two*

May 10
Kestenbaum Family Cultural Activities Fund Lecture
with Jhumpa Lahiri
Pulitzer Prize-winning Author
of *Interpreter of Maladies*, *The Namesake* and *Unaccustomed Earth*



May 14
25th Anniversary Middle East History and Theory Conference
An Evening of Theatre and Music



May 15
Conference
China and the Future of the Global Economy
Keynote address by alumnus and World Bank Chief Economist, Justin Lin

May 16
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Croatian Classical Concert featuring guitarist Srdjan Bulat

May 17
Bilingual Hebrew-English Reading
Alex Epstein's *Blue Has No South*, translated by Becka Mara McKay

May 21–22
University of Chicago Ballet
Presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Don Quixote*

May 23
Spring Festival Series
Annual Festival of Nations
Food, films, music, and dance from around the world; hosted by International House residents



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

May 29–30
Conference
Overseas Young Chinese Forum
China's Legal Reform at a Crossroads

June 3–6
University of Chicago Alumni Weekend
On June 5, join alumni and friends for an international brunch, wine-tasting reception, and 59th Street Jazz Series concert with Hanah Jon Taylor Artet Homecoming featuring Willie Pickens



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

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

March 23–24
Global Voices
Performing Arts Series

The Okura School of Kyogen Theatre by the Shigeyama Family
Co-sponsored with the Japan Information Center and the Consulate General of Japan



April 9
Model UN Conference preparation

April 9–10
Folk Arts Community Contra Dance Weekend



April 17
SAMSU Singaporean Society
Presents: *Tekong? Tekong. Tekong!*



April 20
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Zolotoj Plyos—A Concert of Russian Folk Music

April 22
Public Lecture Program
Faith, Politics and Public Policy: South African and African American Perspectives—A conversation with Rev. Allan Boesak and Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

April 23
I-Formal Spring Dance Party

April 24
Author Series
with Craig Robinson
A Family Journey from Chicago's Southside to the Ivy League and Beyond

April 25
59th Street Jazz Series
The Chicago Jazz Orchestra Tribute to Eddie Johnson

April 27 & 28
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Mime Performance—*Le Boeuf sur le Toit*

April 1
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Norouz—Persian New Year Celebration

April 6
World Beyond the Headlines Lecture Series
Panel Discussion
Asian Carp Invasion: Potential Economic and Ecological Impacts in the Great Lakes
Special location—Shedd Aquarium



April 8
World Beyond the Headlines Lecture Series
with the Secretary General of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen
Special location—Ida Noyes Hall 1212 E. 59th Street



Middle East Music Ensemble Concert Series
April 11, May 23



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