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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES





MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to share the International House of Chicago 2020-2021 Annual Report of Activities, which outlines achievements, milestones, and progress made in selected areas over the past year, as well as the support from our worldwide community making such achievements possible.

After a year of remarkable upheaval, we have begun to plan for the 2021 Autumn Quarter. We look forward to the resumption of in-person programs and activities and to welcoming our community back to campus and to International House with a renewed spirit of care. We are excited to continue offering opportunities that provide students and the many communities we serve with a deeper understanding of other perspectives and the ability to navigate across cultures and geographies, all guided by core values of respect, empathy, and moral courage. As it has been over the last year and a half, support from our worldwide community is vital to everything I-House hopes to do to instill and model those values in the times ahead.

Diversity in our community and in the network of International Houses Worldwide is purposeful: daily interaction among students through programs, facilities, and community life is designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. International House exposes students to unexpected experiences and perspectives and provides opportunities to form lifelong friendships with individuals from all over the world. Through our Graduate Commons Program, graduate students have chance encounters with other talented students, scholars, and trainees; they are able to attend a wide range of events, to learn from distinguished visiting speakers, and to connect meaningfully with our worldwide alumni network as well as with members of our sister houses around the world.

The I-House experience is needed more than ever, and we look forward to sharing it with a new class of students this fall and with the broad array of communities that we serve both across the campus and the city of Chicago and around the world.

As we look ahead to the 2021-2022 academic year, I would like to thank all members of the International Houses Worldwide community for their ongoing commitment and their dedication to our mission. We have all benefited from past supporters, and we have a responsibility to help today's students become leaders in our shared global future.

Denise M. Jorgens, AM'83, PhD'95
Director, International House of Chicago



The central panel over the doorway to International House symbolizes the coming together of people from the four quarters of the globe. The points of the compass mark the divisions, and the convention of the north at the top is used. The central panel is surrounded by an arch of bosses (not pictured) representing flowers of various countries. Starting from the lower left, they are in the following order: Sunflower – Russia, Fleur-de-Lis – France, Rose – England, Maple Leaf – Canada, Poppy – India, Chrysanthemum – Japan, Lotus – Egypt, Narcissus – China.

ON THE COVER In March, we joined UChicago Presents for a Shomyo no Kai virtual concert. Shomyo no Kai, a chorus of two dozen priests from the *Shingon* and *Tendai* sects of Japanese Buddhism, performed ancient shomyo and contemporary shomyo-inspired works, accompanied by colorful ornamental robes, processions, and the scattering of flower petals. Photo: © bozzo.

International Houses Worldwide Community

International Houses Worldwide (IHW) is a consortium of 20 International Houses that are separate, independent, nonprofit institutions which span four continents and are united by one mission: **To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding, and international friendship.**

This year, IHW directors met virtually on a quarterly schedule in place of the annual in-person conference. These gatherings provided IHW directors and other staff representatives with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHW and to share experiences and challenges related to international residential and program centers. Learn more about IHW at houseworldwide.org.

International Houses Worldwide was a finalist for the **College and University Business Officers Business Partnership of the Year Award** for our scholarship programs working with partners across the world. IHW placed 3rd of 78 international organizations.

IHW Welcomes New Directors for International House Berkeley and International House New York



Effective August 1, 2020, **Shaun R. Carver** accepted the position of Executive Director of International House at the University of California, Berkeley. Shaun brings a wealth of experience to this position, with over twenty years of leadership in international education and a lifetime of living and working in cross-cultural environments.



International House New York announced that **Sebastian Fries**, PhD, whose career spans more than 20 years of global health care, social impact, and academic experience, has been tapped as its new President and CEO, effective May 3, 2021. Fries takes the helm at a critical time for the organization, as more university students begin to return to New York City and as International House looks forward to emerging from the pandemic and growing, fostering, and supporting its diverse community of emerging leaders.

Davis Projects for Peace



The **Davis Projects for Peace** are funded by the late Kathryn Wasserman Davis, a former resident of International House New York, who committed \$1 million to allow students to design and implement their own grassroots projects anywhere in the world with the goal of promoting world peace. The Davis Projects for Peace initiative is open to all resident members of International Houses Worldwide. Each year, twenty projects of resident members of International Houses Worldwide are funded at \$10,000 each. International House of Chicago has received at least one award each year since the program was announced in 2007. In summer of 2021, two Graduate Fellows from International House of Chicago received this award.



The first grant was awarded to **Kévin Irakóze**, an international student from Burundi studying Philosophy in the University of Chicago Humanities Division. He used the grant for his project ***Social and Academic Integration for Visually Disabled Youth***. This project aimed to promote peace in **Gitega, Burundi**, by empowering visually disabled youth and addressing the stigma experienced by these young people through community engagement, social support, and through the formal educational system.



The second award was presented to **Sarath Pillai, AM'14**, one of our Ralph W. Nicholas Fellows and an international student from India studying History in the University of Chicago Social Sciences Division. He used the grant for his project ***Hungarian Romani Youth Empowerment through Sport***. This project supported an institutional upgrade of the Dr. Ambedkar High School in **Miskolc, Hungary**, amplifying its mission to foster Romani and non-Romani youth social integration and cultural exchange.

The International Houses Worldwide Network

The International Houses Worldwide network provides students the opportunity to learn in a multicultural environment while nurturing understanding, dialogue, and friendship. This year, as each International House modified its operations, we were pleased to collaborate with other member institutions to support the following virtual programs:

- As part of **International Education Week**, the International Student House of Washington, DC held the **Educational Exchange Symposium** on November 17, 2020. The series of panels explored how international education contributes to the U.S. economy.
- Elizabeth Economy, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and a senior fellow for China Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Daniel Russel, Vice President for International Security & Diplomacy at the Asia Society Policy Institute, were live from Davis Hall at International House New York on March 12, 2021, for a conversation entitled, **“Seeking Common Ground: The Future of U.S.-China Relations,”** moderated by Ambassador Frank G. Wisner. These distinguished scholars shared their insights on the major issues facing the U.S.-China relationship in the years ahead.
- On March 22, 2021, International House Japan hosted a **Japanese Garden Tour** guided by supervising gardener Chisao Shigemori. The I-House Japan garden was designed by famed Kyoto landscape artist Ogawa Jihei.
- International Student House of Washington, DC and the Association of Women in International Trade Charitable Trust hosted a **Career Skills Panel** on April 14, 2021, where participants were able to connect with and learn from other highly accomplished professionals.
- The International Student House of Washington, DC was joined in conversation by **Ambassador Koji Tomita** on April 30, 2021, following Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga’s visit to the United States. Ambassador Tomita shared about the Prime Minister’s visit and discussed Japan-U.S. relations as well as his role representing his country.



Top Left: **His Excellency Koji Tomita, Ambassador of Japan to the United States.** Top Right: **Educational Exchange Symposium.** Bottom Left: **“Seeking Common Ground: The Future of U.S.-China Relations.”** Bottom Right: **International House Japan Japanese Garden.**

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE GLOBAL VOICES PROGRAM

OUTREACH, COLLABORATIONS, AND INTERNSHIPS

Civilian-Military Relations Panel
Thursday, March 11, 2021 | 3PM - 4PM
Meeting ID: 960 3117 6129
Passcode: IHouse

UCHICAGO presents
MARIZA SINGS AMÁLIA
For more than two centuries, the Portuguese folk style of fado has been epitomized by just two singers: Amália Rodrigues and Mariza Nunes. To mark the centenary of the late "Queen of Fado," Mariza shares a streaming concert featuring the songs that defined Amália's career and nearly a century of the genre.
JANUARY 29-31
STREAMING ONLINE
Tickets: \$40 | \$52 with signed CD Mariza Sings Amália
chicagopresents.uchicago.edu

3RD ANNUAL GIRLS EDUCATION CONFERENCE
JUNE 24, 2021, 8.30AM - 10.00AM CT, VIRTUAL
Please join us for a summit to learn from and contribute to a discussion on early learning innovation, expanding youth educational experiences, the importance of mentorship, and the economic impact of investing in girls education.
200+ GUESTS | 8 SPEAKERS & PANELISTS
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://ywcachicago.org/gec2021/>
#EDUCATEGIRLS

International House serves the University and the Chicago-area community as a cultural center. Through the Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series, International House presents programs that advance cross-cultural understanding and public discourse on community, national, and world affairs. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, International House launched the Global Voices Community Co-Sponsorship for Virtual Programs, holding nearly 60 public programs that involved 50 strategic community and University partnerships during the 2020-2021 academic year. Through this sponsorship, International House offers its publicity, marketing, and professional support by reaching an extensive, diverse audience throughout the Chicago community and abroad.

Additionally, through the **Global Voices Metcalf Internship Program**, students from the College were provided professional training in public programming, marketing, and public relations. Founded in 1997 to honor Harold "Jeff" Metcalf, AM'53,

former member of the I-House Board of Governors, the Metcalf Internship Program makes it possible for undergraduates to receive the highly competitive and prestigious enrichment opportunities that they need as a stepping-stone to future employment.

2020-2021 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series Highlights

Performing Arts Series

Kicking off the academic year, the Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series was proud to support the 14th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival with streamed performances from The Reva & David Logan Center for the Arts and pop-up concerts throughout the neighborhood. To celebrate Latinx Heritage Month, we collaborated with the UChicago Latinx Heritage Month Committee and Harris School of Public Policy to host Chicago's premier Latin Dance Party, *iPachanga!* with keynote speaker Barbara Barreno-Paschall and musical guests Madera Once and Joslyn Marie. International House partnered with The Chicago Ensemble as they offered three free interactive music education programs for children and families. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series, together



with New Music Chicago, the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, supported a special performance by Gerald Rizzer, AB'62, Artistic Director and Pianist for The Chicago Ensemble. To mark the centenary of the late Amália Rodrigues, the "Queen of Fado," Mariza Nunes performed songs that defined Amália's career and nearly a century of the genre. This program was co-sponsored by the International House Global Voices Performing Arts Series together with UChicago Presents, Town Hall New York, Arden Concert Guild, and St. Cecilia Music Center. International House joined the University of Chicago Folklore Society for the 61st Annual University of Chicago Folk Festival. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series welcomed Irving Artists for a special concert featuring works for cello and piano by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, and Bartok. The 44th season of The Chicago Ensemble included five concerts. Offering an innovative mix of familiar masterworks and lesser-known repertoire performed in various combinations of instruments and voice, The

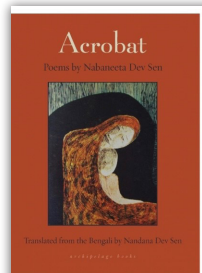

Chicago Ensemble occupies a unique place in Chicago's cultural life. International House joined the UChicago Department of Music for a series of interactive concert experiences as part of the Don Michael Randel Ensemble Residency. Through this series, we welcomed Axiom Brass, -Nois, and Quince Ensemble. International House partnered with UChicago Presents for the Shomyo No Kai: Voices of a Thousand Years concert. Shomyo no Kai, a chorus of two dozen priests from the *Shingon* and *Tendai* sects of Japanese Buddhism, performed ancient and contemporary shomyo-inspired works, accompanied by colorful ornamental robes, processions, and the scattering of flower petals. Shomyo No Kai later hosted a workshop where participants learned how to use Buddhist ritual chanting as a form of meditation. International House partnered with Kalapriya Center for Indian Performing Arts to present the Cultural Sundays Series. Aimed at providing the community with a granular understanding of South Asia, this series explored music, mythology, art, dance, and cinema. Together with UChicago Presents, we hosted



a performance by Aurelio Martínez and the Garifuna Soul Band. International House and UChicago Presents also hosted a performance by Iranian maestro Kayhan Kalhor, who was joined by tombak player Navid Afghah for a meditative program of “Echoes of the East.” We were proud to support the South Asian Music Ensemble for their spring 2021 virtual recital, an evening of music featuring rhythms and styles from a variety of classical and devotional genres. For Alumni Weekend, we presented an Argentine barbecue with asado and wine tasting, featuring our asador Norberto Zas, owner of Piccolo Mondo restaurant in Hyde Park, and members of our Graduate Fellowship community; we also hosted a Sunday morning concert led by The Chicago Ensemble as they featured highlights from their 2021 season.

Lecture Series

In partnership with International House, the University of Chicago Law School, and the Law School Veterans, the UChicago Office for Military-

Naomi Shihab Nye
in conversation with
Nandana Dev Sen

Thursday, May 16, 2021 | 6pm - 7pm

In partnership with Seminary Co-op Bookstores, the International House Global Voices Lecture Series welcomes Nandana Dev Sen to discuss her translation of *Acrobat* written by her mother, legendary Bengali poet Nabaneeta Dev Sen

Webinar ID: 928 6721 5123
Webinar Passcode: IHouse

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FEB 23
5:00 PM (CST)

14th Annual Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies

How Japan Got It Wrong:
Government Policy, Gender, and the Birth Rate

Mary Brinton
Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology
Harvard University

Free Virtual Lecture via Zoom
Registration Required

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF CHICAGO

Affiliated Communities hosted their annual Veterans Day Recognition event, featuring Brigadier General William (Bill) Dyer and moderated by Law School Veterans President, Steven Foster. International House partnered with Seminary Co-op Bookstores to host a series of author nights. The first program was with Adrian Wooldridge, *The Economist's* political editor and author of the Bagehot column, who joined us to discuss his book, *The Wake-Up Call: Why the Pandemic Has Exposed the Weakness of the West, and How to Fix it*. Aaron J. Leonard later joined us in conversation with Steven Garabedian to discuss his book, *The Folk Singers and the Bureau: The FBI, The Folk Artists, and the Suppression of the Communist Party, USA - 1939-1956*. Yxta Murray and Gregory Fraser joined us for a reading and discussion on their new books, *Art is Everything* and *Little Armageddon*, respectively. To conclude this series, we welcomed Nandana Dev Sen, in conversation with Naomi Shihab Nye, as she discussed her translation of *Acrobat* written by her mother, legendary Bengali poet Nabaneeta Dev Sen. Stanley Ndambakuwa, MAIDP'19, Founder, President, and CEO of

the African Community Fund for Education Group (ACFE), and Gillian Brand, AM'20, joined us for a discussion about their op-ed, “COVID-19 and Remote Education: Girls' Rights in Peril.” The Global Voices Lecture Series partnered with the Center for East Asian Studies for a lecture by Prasenjit Duara entitled, “The Varieties of Secularism: China, Japan, and India in the era of Abrahamic Modernity.” International House also joined the Center for East Asian Studies to present the 14th Annual Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture entitled, “How Japan Got It Wrong: Government Policy, Gender, and the Birth Rate,” featuring Mary Brinton, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology and Director, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University. In partnership with the UChicago Office for Military-Affiliated Communities and Military-Affiliated Students of Harris, we held the Civilian-Military Relations Panel, a discussion on the various barriers separating civilian and military communities, led by International House Graduate Fellows Morgan Landers and John Schmidt, MPP'21, with Zackariah Crahen. We partnered with International Houses Worldwide for a



conversation between Elizabeth Economy, Daniel Russel, and Ambassador Frank G. Wisner entitled, “Seeking Common Ground: The Future of U.S.-China Relations.” We supported International House Japan for a tour of their garden led by supervising gardener Chisao Shigemori. The UChicago Office for Military-Affiliated Communities, Veterans and the Family Readiness Program, and International House presented a webinar, “Service Never Stops: Opportunities for Veterans and their Families to Stay Involved,” to discuss various resources and opportunities for veterans and their families. We supported International Student House of Washington, DC and the Association of Women in International Trade Charitable Trust to present a panel discussion on career skills. We partnered with UChicago Presents and the Center for Latin American Studies to present a lunch discussion between musician and political activist Aurelio Martínez and Assistant Professor of Music Jessica Baker. International House was proud to support International Student House of Washington, DC for a

conversation with Japanese Ambassador Koji Tomita following Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga’s visit to the United States. We joined the Center for East Asian Studies and UChicago Presents to host Kayhan Kalhor, globally renowned virtuoso on the kamancheh (spiked fiddle), in conversation with Frank Lewis, Associate Professor of Persian Language & Literature. International House supported the UChicago Center in Delhi and Prohor.in for the Poetry Symposium 2021, a three-episode program on the writing, translation, and criticism of poetry as emerging modes of transnational literary practice. In partnership with Seminary Co-op Bookstores for Alumni Weekend, we hosted Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller, AM’07, Associate Professor, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, as he spoke on his latest book, *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*. In partnership with UChicago Grad Council, the Black Grad Coalition, and the Office of Multicultural



Student Affairs, International House was proud to present the Juneteenth Keynote Address with Angela Davis, political activist, philosopher, academic, and author.

Conferences & Symposiums

In partnership with International Houses Worldwide, we supported International Student House of Washington, DC as they hosted the Educational Exchange Symposium as part of International Education Week. International House was proud to support Latin America(n) Matters for their 9th Annual Latin American Policy Forum with two events: “(Un)Real ideals: Re-conceptualizing the State in Latin America” and “Digital Economy in Latin America.” Together with the Center for Global Health and UChicago Global, International House supported a World Health Day Celebration featuring UChicago Faculty, local Chicago leaders, and our global partners as they discussed pivotal work completed during the COVID-19 pandemic. We partnered with ACFE, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, and the UChicago Center for Global Health for the 3rd Annual Girls Education Conference: “Evolving Learning Experiences in a COVID World.”

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE GRADUATE COMMONS PROGRAM A CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



International House at the University of Chicago has hosted international programs since it opened in 1932. Now, in partnership with **UChicagoGRAD**, I-House is offering programs to enhance the community life of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The partnership between International House and **UChicagoGRAD** furthers I-House's mission to build community and encourage UChicago graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to engage with ideas from around the world. Programming occurs in five key areas: internationally focused public programs through the **Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series**, weekly **Language and Culture Tables**, **Professional Development, Health and Wellness**, and **Social Activities**.

Virtual Program Highlights

International House opened the academic year with our annual celebration of **Founder's Day**. On Founder's Day, we bring our community together to celebrate and remember the work of the notable women, men, and organizations who came together to found this institution. This online gathering provided an opportunity for

both incoming and returning graduate students to learn more about the ways that they could continue to connect with our community despite not being able to be together in person.

Also held at the beginning of the year was the **Welcome Candlelight Ceremony for Graduate Fellows**. The

Candlelight Ceremony is one of the oldest traditions at International House and, together with the reciting of the I-House pledge, celebrates a period of sharing experiences and knowledge with friends from many parts of the world.

In October, the Graduate Commons Program hosted a series of programs in

recognition of **Latinx Heritage Month**. This included a special installment of our biweekly **Book Club** with *The House on Mango Street* by Mexican American writer Sandra Cisneros, for which I-House provided graduate students with copies of the book. Our biweekly **International Cooking Club** featured an Argentine barbecue demonstration, with ingredients provided to enable graduate students to cook together, even when apart! In collaboration with the **UChicago International Law Society** and as part of **UChicago Law School Wellness Week**, the Graduate Commons Program hosted a screening of the Academy Award-winning Mexican film *Roma* followed by a discussion facilitated by Dain Borges, Associate Professor of History.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, International House partnered with **Grad Council** for a **Friendsgiving Cooking Club**, allowing graduate students to brush up on some traditional

holiday recipes. I-House continued to work closely with the five participating Illinois communities for the long-standing **Thanksgiving Homestay Program** and offered a series of informative videos set throughout the state.

International House began a new partnership with **UChicago Student Wellness** and offered an interactive workshop during Winter Break designed around coping and support for the ongoing impact of COVID-19. Through this partnership, the Graduate Commons Program also expanded our **Mind-Body-Soul Initiative**, providing graduate students with a platform to share representations of healthy lifestyles, recipes ideas, meal planning tips, and workout routines. As part of this initiative, **Mindfulness Mondays** – a weekly series begun in Spring Quarter 2021 – provided graduate students with an opportunity to take regular mental health breaks and try out some basic mindfulness techniques.

We also partnered with UChicagoGRAD and the Office of International Affairs to create **Global Hangouts**, a new monthly series that aimed to alleviate the isolating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Reimaginings** discussion group, in which student thinkers from different countries and disciplines come together to “reimagine” crucial concepts of the human experience, also continued biweekly throughout the year. Since its conception in 2017, graduate students have met at Reimaginings and discussed some of the most pressing social challenges in the world.

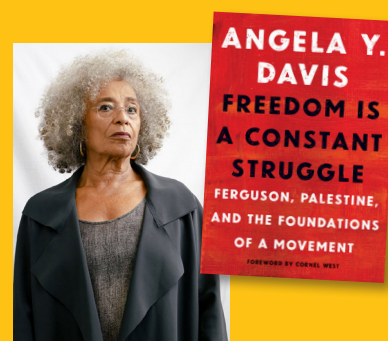
Global Mentorship Network

The Global Mentorship Network is a collaboration between International House and the **Office of International Affairs (OIA)** that aims to develop and facilitate a network of support for international graduate students at the University of Chicago through regular meet-ups and social events. The program connects second year and above mentors with a cohort of new international graduate students based on their preferences and compatibility. With support from I-House and OIA, mentors then foster a sense of community and provide resources for their cohorts.

During 2020-2021, the Global Mentorship Network facilitated 11 cohorts with over 60 graduate student mentors and mentees. As the program entered its third year, we were also pleased to partner with **UChicagoGRAD** for a new online initiative. “Ask Me Anything” sessions were held as part of virtual orientation during summer 2020 and connected returning members of the Global Mentorship Network with incoming students to answer questions before they arrived at the University of Chicago.

Inaugural Juneteenth Programming

This year, together with **Grad Council**, the **Office for Multicultural Student Affairs**, and the **Black Grad Coalition**, International House cosponsored a month-long series of programming in commemoration of Juneteenth. This inaugural initiative marked the University community coming together to engage in allyship and culminated with a conversation with keynote speaker Angela Davis on June 19, 2021. For the last Book Club event of the year, the Graduate Commons Program provided copies of Davis’ book *Freedom is a Constant Struggle*.



Graduate Fellowship Program

Graduate Fellowships are awarded to help ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate community connected to International House. Fellowships can be designated for students from a single department or any area of study across the University. Fellowship recipients have the unique opportunity to play a leadership role within the community and to exemplify the International House mission. Fellows are also given opportunities to engage with alumni and friends, helping them build a powerful network that fosters personal and professional success for our worldwide community—including the network of International Houses Worldwide.

In 2020-2021, International House awarded 32 graduate fellowships to students from 17 countries. Included in this program are 13 endowed and special awards.

Kamyar Jabbari Fellowship—

The fund provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students studying at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. The fellowship award honors former resident of International House and former member of the International House Board of Governors, Kamyar Jabbari, MBA'79. This fellowship has been made possible by the generous support of a group of fellow International House and UChicago alumni including William Bartholomay, MBA'79; Mazin Safar, MBA'77; Stephan Schoess, MBA'78, PhD'82; and Theo Vermaelen, MBA'76, PhD'80. The inaugural Kamyar Jabbari Fellowship was awarded to **Gulin Tuzcuoglu**,



a PhD student at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma

Fellowship—Provides a fellowship at International House for academically-qualified graduate students at the University of Chicago. Special consideration

is given to students from China or in East Asian Studies. The 2020-2021 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship was awarded to **Xiaofeng Dong**, an international student from China studying physics in the Physical Sciences Division.

Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship—

This fund has been made possible by the generous support of Lorna Puttkammer Straus, LAB'49, SM'60, PhD'62, professor and former I-House board member and Stanley D. Christianson, MBA'60, former chairman of the I-House Board of Governors. This fund honors Ralph W. Nicholas, PhD'62, professor, and provides support for academically-qualified graduate students from South Asia or in South Asian Studies. The Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowships were awarded to **Ram Itani**, from Nepal studying chemistry in the Physical Sciences Division; **Amruta Nayak**, from India studying molecular genetics and cell biology in the Biological Sciences Division; **Sarath Pillai**, from India studying history in the Social Sciences Division; and **Goutham Rajendran**, from India studying computer science in the Physical Sciences Division.

Kaimay Yuen Terry

Fellowship—Provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate

students at the University of Chicago. During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Kaimay Yuen Terry Fellowship was awarded to **Prisca Tuyishime**, a graduate student from Rwanda studying at the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice.

George and Catherine Watkins Fellowship—

Provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students of any race, gender, religious affiliation, or national origin who are citizens or residents of Mexico or from Spanish-speaking countries attending the University of Chicago. During the 2020-2021 academic year, Watkins Fellowships were awarded to **Andrés Fortunato** from Argentina and **Gabriel Prado Correa** from Chile, both studying at Harris School of Public Policy.

International House partnered with the **UChicago Office for Military-Affiliated Communities** to award fellowships to two Veteran graduate students: **Morgan Landers** and **John Schmidt, MPP'21**, both students at Harris School of Public Policy.

Where We Come From

During the 2020-2021 year, International House fellows and interns came from 17 countries and studied in all areas of the University including the undergraduate College.

Argentina	Iran
Burundi	Nepal
Canada	Russia
Chile	Rwanda
China	Turkey
Egypt	United Kingdom
Germany	United States of America
Greece	
Hungary	
India	

I-HOUSE 2020-2021 GRAD LIFE IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

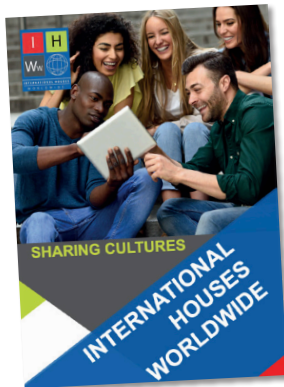
At International House, UChicago graduate and professional school students and scholars can find many opportunities to become involved in our dynamic and diverse community through our **Graduate Commons Program**. The success of these programs can be seen in the numbers.

FOR A BETTER WORLD

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Global community that has promoted international understanding and cultural exchange at the University of Chicago since 1932.



OUR WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY

20

INTERNATIONAL HOUSES WORLDWIDE (IHW)

providing accommodations to some **9500** students and scholars annually from more than **125** countries. Support from alumni and friends worldwide allows IHW to award more than **800** scholarships annually, which serve to promote the academic, economic, and geographic diversity of our member houses.

2

New **International House Directors** welcomed to lead International House Berkeley and International House New York.

350,000+

STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

who have alumni status at one or more of the IHW organizational members.

20

DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE

\$10,000 grants awarded to resident members of International Houses Worldwide to design their own grassroots projects during the summer of 2021 – anywhere in the world – which promote peace and address causes of conflict. International House of Chicago received **2** of the awards for projects in Burundi and Hungary.

GRAD COMMUNITY LIFE GRADUATE COMMONS PROGRAM

330+

 Virtual programs and online gatherings for UChicago graduate students across **5** Areas of Focus

Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series

55+

Lectures and performing arts programs with unique opportunities for graduate students.

Language & Culture Tables & related dining activities

9

Languages represented at weekly language and culture tables – Arabic, French, Hindi, Hungarian, Kurdish, Mandarin, Oriya (Odia), Spanish, and Urdu.

Professional Development Programs

60+

Members providing a network of support for international students through the **Global Mentorship Network** in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs.



Health & Wellness Programs

250+

Minutes of meditation during weekly **Mindfulness Mondays** through the **Mind-Body-Soul Initiative**.

1

Workshop led by psychologists from **UChicago Student Wellness** through new partnership.



150+ Social Activities

15+

Titles discussed at the biweekly **Book Club**.

10+

Countries represented at the biweekly **International Cooking Club** through unique recipes.

25

Thanksgiving meals provided to graduate students for the **Friendsgiving Program** in partnership with **Grad Council**.



6

Events held as part of the new **Global Hangouts** series in collaboration with UChicagoGRAD and the Office of International Affairs, allowing graduate students to connect with colleagues around the world.

FELLOWSHIPS & INTERSHIPS



35

Fellowships and internships awarded, providing essential financial resources to both undergraduate and graduate students from around the world.

17

Countries represented by **GRAD Global Impact Interns** and **Graduate Fellows**.

2

2 Military-affiliated students awarded Graduate Fellowships through new partnership with the **UChicago Office for Military-Affiliated Communities**.

13

Endowed and special fellowships awarded to graduate students from across the divisions and professional schools.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ALUMNI & FRIENDS

A CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT

Since we opened our doors in 1932, alumni and friends of International House have provided an important link between the institution and the world. They return to visit and share their career perspectives with current students. They give time to the House and have spearheaded many projects over the years that benefit our community. Alumni also provide essential support to International House. Gifts from alumni and friends fortify programs of central importance to International House's fundamental mission of welcoming people from around the world and contributing to a supportive, stimulating community at the University of Chicago. We are grateful for the support we receive from alumni and friends worldwide, which allows International House to offer the unique cultural programs, fellowships, and internships for both graduate and undergraduate students as well as community leadership opportunities that are essential to the International House experience.

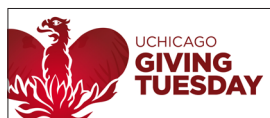
Giving Day 2021: Helping Us Build A Better Tomorrow



Giving Day was held on April 21-22. 82 donors (our goal was 75) contributed over \$20,000 to support our **Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series**, our **Graduate Commons Program**, and our **Fellowships and Internships**. Your generosity continues to strengthen the

worldwide UChicago community of students, alumni, faculty, physicians, staff, parents, patients, and other friends who share your commitment to the enrichment of human life through the creation of knowledge. We are grateful for your generosity.

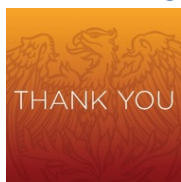
UChicago Giving Tuesday 2020 was a Success!



Kicking off on December 1, **UChicago Together** celebrated **Giving Tuesday** all month long.

International House received **74 gifts** resulting in nearly **\$5,000** in donations. Across UChicago, there was an incredible show of support both internally and externally. From fueling scholarships to creating social change and more, you joined us in supporting the diverse work of the University, its students, and its partners in the community. Thank you for helping support I-House and bringing UChicago Together.

Celebrating Inquiry, Impact, and the accomplishments of the University of Chicago Campaign



Thank you to the hundreds of alumni, friends, parents, faculty, and staff who tuned in to our virtual event held on November 10, 2020, to celebrate the extraordinary and lasting achievements of the University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact. It was wonderful to hear from University leaders—including the chair of the Board of Trustees, Joe Neubauer, MBA'65; President Zimmer; and Provost Lee—about the many ways your contributions have helped to strengthen the University – and International House – and solidify the foundation for its continuing excellence in the decades to come. Again, thank you for your commitment to the University of Chicago—and congratulations!

Phoenix Society



The **Phoenix Society** welcomes all donors who make estate commitments or life-income arrangements to

benefit the University of Chicago. **Gerard J. O'Brien, MBA'87**, (Resident of International House 1984-86) became a **Phoenix Society** member by benefitting International House.

2021 Distinguished Alumni Awards



International House alumnus (1987-88) **Luis Miranda, '89**, Chairman and Co-Founder Indian School of Public Policy, was among the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Awardees recognized by the University Of Chicago Booth School Of Business. Miranda was the recipient of the **Public Service Award**. [Read more here.](#)

Milestones



Walter (Wally) Thomas, Resident Engineer, and his wife **Elaine (Susie) Thomas**, Fiscal Assistant, retired in December 2020 after working at International House for 43 years and

24 years, respectively. Congratulations on your extraordinary careers at the University of Chicago!

Stanley D. Christianson, MBA'60, died on July 4, 2021. Christianson served as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of International House. Together with Lorna Puttkammer Straus, LAB'49, SM'60, PhD'62, he established the Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship Fund. This fund provides support for academically qualified graduate students at UChicago from South Asia or in South Asian Studies.



UChicago and International House alumna **Irma Parker, AB'49**, died on May 5, 2020. Miss Parker graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in French. Along with fellow UChicago and

International House alumnus Claude Weil, Miss Parker established the **Weil-Parker Fund for Performing Arts** at International House, which provides support for performing arts, with an emphasis on classical music programs.

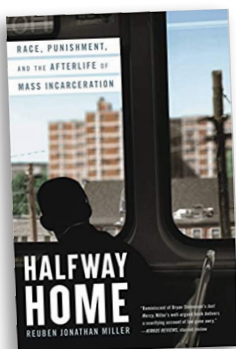
Doretta Kay Lathrop died on November 21, 2020. Doretta served as the representative for the Sterling Rock Falls, Illinois, community in the **Thanksgiving Homestay Program**. Through this program, thousands of international students from across Chicago enjoyed spending the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with an American family. This program was started in 1956 and is one of the oldest programs at International House.



Thank you for joining us for Alumni Weekend @Home June 4-6, 2021! Save the date for Alumni Weekend 2022, May 19-22.

A campus-wide celebration, Alumni Weekend delights and informs Maroons of all ages with festivities, tours, lectures, and more. Each spring, thousands of alumni, families, and friends come back to the quads to get nostalgic, discover something new, and celebrate what connects them all: UChicago. This year, Alumni Weekend was virtual! International House organized and presented the following programs:

Author Program with Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller



Dr. Miller, AM'07, Associate Professor, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, discussed his new book *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration* with Craig Futterman,

Clinical Professor of Law at UChicago Law School and Resident Dean of International House.

Argentine Barbecue - Asado & Wine Tasting

A group of International House Graduate Fellows and our asador, Norberto Zas, owner of Piccolo Mondo Restaurant in Hyde Park, came together for this Asado Argentino.

The Chicago Ensemble Concert

Virtuoso pianist Gerald Rizzer, AB'62, and members of The Chicago Ensemble presented a chamber music concert with highlights from their 2021 season.



How you can stay engaged:

Around the World

■ Alumni Clubs and Affinity Groups—A Global Community

Your fellow alumni can be found in cities and towns across the United States and in every corner of the globe. No matter where you go, from Albany to Italy to Zimbabwe, you can always find someone who speaks your language: Chicago. To find alumni club and affinity group contacts or to update your contact information email alumni@uchicago.edu or call 1.800.955.0065.

■ International Houses Worldwide

ihouseworldwide.org

On Campus

■ Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series

Attend one of our internationally-focused public programs. Many programs are live-streamed or video recorded and available to alumni and friends around the world on the I-House website.

■ Alumni Weekend

Save the date! May 19-22, 2022
alumniweekend.uchicago.edu



Online

■ Weekly e-bulletins

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International House joins 2021 Chicago Consular Corps Virtual Reception

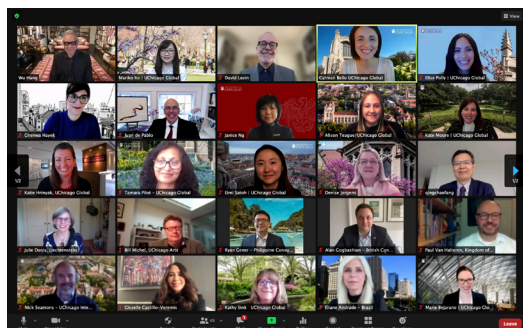
Each year, the University of Chicago gathers members of the [Chicago Consular Corps](#) to solidify existing relationships between the University and the countries represented and highlight select University activities. Previous years' events have featured UChicago faculty panels on neuroscience, social work, the microbiome, and other important topics. This year's focus was on UChicago's commitment to excellence in the arts and

the many ways that the arts are supported, studied, and practiced at the University.

This year's event on May 4, 2021, assembled a panel of faculty leaders in the arts at UChicago to discuss the importance of international cultural collaborations, cross-cultural performance, research, curation, and the extension of arts at the University to the Global Centers. The consuls general then had the opportunity to join breakout rooms with each of the panelists, leading to many interesting discussions and the identification of several opportunities for collaborative arts programming with the consulates.

Hosted by Vice President [Juan de Pablo](#) and Dean of the Chicago Consular Corps [Gisselle Castillo-Veremis](#) (Dominican Republic), the event and content were organized in partnership with [UChicago Arts](#). Faculty panelists included [David Levin](#), Senior Advisor to the Provost for the Arts and Addie Clark Harding

Professor of Germanic Studies, Cinema and Media Studies, and Theater and Performance Studies; [Ghenwa Hayek](#), Interim Director of the Richard and Mary L. Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry and Associate Professor of Modern Arabic Literature in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations; [Srikanth Reddy](#), Professor, Program in Creative Writing, Department of English Language and Literature; and [Wu Hung](#), the Harrie A. Vanderstappen Distinguished Service Professor of Art History and the College, Director of the Center for the Art of East Asia, and Adjunct Curator for the Smart Museum of Art.



International House Participates in Digital Accessibility Initiative

The University of Chicago is committed to providing an accessible, diverse, and inclusive environment. It has created the **Center for Digital Accessibility** to support the campus community in meeting accessibility guidelines. Adhering to these guidelines ensures that our students, faculty, staff, and campus community can access University content online in a way that is equitable regardless of a person's differing abilities. International House is pleased to join this ongoing initiative.

From Our Archives: The World War II-Era Chicago School of Meteorology that Decoded Weather Forecasting

As students left Hyde Park to go to war after Pearl Harbor was bombed in late 1941, cadets took their place. "By 1942 all available dormitory space had been consigned to military programs," writes College dean John W. Boyer in [The University of Chicago: A History](#). International House was filled with meteorology cadets and Red Cross volunteers, and the Reynolds Club became the institute's headquarters.

To learn more about the history of The University of Chicago Institute of Meteorology, including Sergeant Isobar, [read the full article](#).



Above: Sergeant Isobar and John Humphrey (right) in front of International House.
Left: Institute of Meteorology cadets on the steps of International House.