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90th Anniversary Celebrated at I-House Day



Alumni and residents at the Fall Fiesta: An I-House Day Celebration of Music and Dance in New York

In sixteen cities on six continents, alumni dating back to the 1940s gathered to celebrate the House's 90th anniversary during the month-long 2014 I-House Day Celebration in November.

The worldwide celebration kicked off on October 31 with I-House Day Sydney, an evening of cocktails, organized by World Council of Alumni members **Ross Youngman '91** and **Sam Armstrong '90**.

Singapore, which has been part of the worldwide series since it was revived in 2011, played host to the next I-House Day celebration on November 1 with a luncheon sponsored by International Trustee **John Pek '68**. The celebration moved to Hong Kong on November 3, where, according to organizer **Frank Wong '81** "two generations of I-House alumni shared our great times at I-House" over dinner.

That same night, New York Area Alumni Chapter (NYAAC) steering committee member **Joe Carlani '10** organized the first ever I-House Day Princeton. Over drinks and nibbles, the latter of which was generously sponsored by the venue, Agricola Community Kitchen,

a wide swath of alumni were "favorably nostalgic about their I-House experience," said Carlani.

The celebration moved to the West Coast on November 5 when **Emre Erdogan '02 '05** joined forces with **Roshan Gujar '06** to organize the second annual I-House Day San Francisco at Sens Restaurant.

The anchor event for the worldwide celebration was Fall Fiesta: An I-House Day Celebration of Music and Dance on November 7 in New York City. Combining the New York Area Alumni Chapter's (NYAAC) traditional I-House Day Alumni Salon Night with elements of the resident-run Fall Fiesta, the event featured ballroom, jazz and Bollywood dances performed and choreographed by residents and three outstanding alumni performances.

The event also marked the 50th anniversary of Fall Fiesta, a program founded in 1964 by the late Herman "HR" Rottenberg, whose legacy was noted throughout the evening.

"Tonight we pay tribute to an important pillar of our community,

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Global Refugee Crisis Discussed by International Rescue Committee Leader

The role of humanitarianism in globally tumultuous times was among the topics discussed by David Miliband, president of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), at the International House Sunday Supper on January 25.

Miliband, former British foreign secretary who has led the IRC since 2013, engaged in a lively conversation with Warren Hoge, longtime editor and foreign correspondent at *The New York Times* and currently a vice president at the International Peace Institute.

Noting the diminishment of global inequality and the increase in countries with democratically-elected governments, Miliband pointed out that the number of displaced persons worldwide stands at 52 million.

His diagnosis focused on the interaction of governments unable to meet basic needs or contain ethnic and religious difference, and an international system that is weak and divided.

Observing that humanitarianism has come to the fore as conflicts have erupted, Hoge asked Miliband what challenges that has presented to IRC, whose mission is to help people "whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster."

"What we face now, no international system was designed to address," said Miliband. "Boko Haram and the Islamic State are not bound by international conventions."

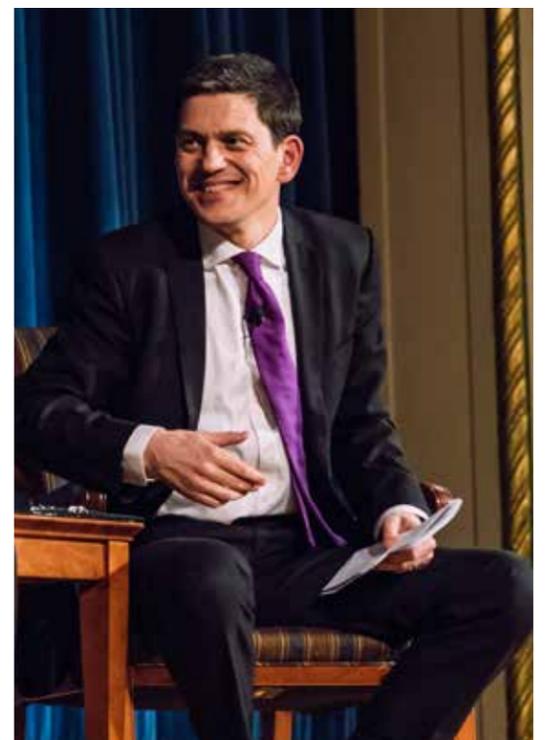
Miliband said humanitarianism is more of a sector than a system with an organizational precept, and doesn't have the scale to accommodate the current refugee crisis.

Syria is the defining humanitarian crisis of our time, with half the country seeking help from outside and more than three million refugees in neighboring countries.

"Millions of refugees in each country have their own struggles," concluded Miliband. "What we need is the equivalent of the Marshall Plan."

Asked by Hoge how new technology has affected humanitarianism, Miliband said it had not transformed the humanitarian sector yet and could be significant.

"But we need low-tech as well," he said.



David Miliband

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With our 90th anniversary year coming to a close, I am proud of what I-House has accomplished and am excited about the steps we are taking to strengthen the institution going forward.

As you will see in this issue of the *World Newsletter*, we celebrated our past and connected with our alumni around the world during the 90th Anniversary International House Day Celebration in November. Traditions like our distinguished speaker programs, Sunday Suppers and Women's International Leadership Week continue, bringing our community together and challenging our residents to think differently.

In our 90th anniversary year, we have also looked toward the future. Building off of the success of the "Generation Jobless" Conference in October, we have launched partnerships to bring new opportunities to our residents such as the Employment Innovation Fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation described on page 3 and the LinkedIn Pilot Program for Millennials, noted on page 8.

We are moving forward on our vision to empower the next generation of globally-minded leaders with the values of moral courage, empathy and respect. Residents have repeatedly indicated an interest in programming focused on professional development: we are providing leadership training, mentorship, and soft skills. In February, we hosted a variety of career-oriented and networking programs (see page 3). We are also working to establish new relationships that give our residents access to leaders in their career fields. For example, in November, 12 I-House literature and journalism majors attended the National Book Awards where they met celebrated figures in American letters.

As we march toward our centennial, International House is forging ahead with its ten-year strategic plan. The Strategic Planning Committee of the Board, chaired by Trustee Peter O'Neill '92, has held a number of meetings and identified three major goals: relevance, visibility, and sustainability.

To inform the strategic planning process, we have undertaken studies ranging from an opinion survey of our employees, staff, alumni, and Trustees (discussed in the fall issue) to an organizational assessment to determine the appropriate structure and size of our institution to meet the challenges and opportunities we will face in the coming decade.

The strategic planning process culminated this June in a capstone meeting on June 14, where all Trustees met to finalize the plan.

We look forward to rolling out the dynamic strategic plan to our alumni and friends worldwide in the months to come and to your active participation in helping meet its goals.

Summer 2015 Davis Projects for Peace Recipients Announced



Davis Projects for Peace grantees and members of the International House staff

Resident members from I-House New York, and for the first time recent alumni, were among the participants at International Houses Worldwide (IHW) and the schools affiliated with the Davis United World College Scholars program who were invited to design and execute grassroots projects to promote peace.

Twenty proposals from members of IHW, including nine from I-House New York, were selected to receive grants of \$10,000 each for implementation during the summer of 2015. In addition to the projects from I-House New York, projects from International Houses in Alberta, Berkeley, Chicago, London, Melbourne, Philadelphia, Sydney, Washington, DC and Wollongong were also selected.

The following applicants from I-House New York were awarded Davis Projects for Peace Grants:

- **Haneen Al-Rashda** (Jordan): "Building Resilience for Young Syrian Refugees" (Jordan)
- **Christine Arrozal '14** (United States): "Giving Voice to Repressed Voices" (South Korea)
- **Jonathan Carral** (United States): "Vocational Training Facility, Building Opportunities for Child Soldiers" (Democratic Republic of Congo)

- **Diana Engle Gerbase** (Brazil): "Making a Difference Now: Educating for Democracy" (Brazil)
- **Petros Ioannides** (Cyprus): "Cyprus: C.E.L.T. for Peace" (Cyprus)
- **Muhammad Affan Javed** (Pakistan): "Puppets for Peace" (Pakistan)
- **Rachel McOwusu** (Ghana): "Chambers of Peace" (Ghana)
- **Sarah Thontwa '14** (Democratic Republic of Congo): "Lengela Lobi 'Today—Tomorrow' Project: Session 2" (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- **Stephanie Ullrich** (United States): "BioD: Clean Energy Solutions, Building Blocks to Peace" (Madagascar)

Grantees from I-House New York will document their projects in journals on the I-House website, www.ihouse-nyc.org/pfp2015, throughout the summer and grantees returning to New York in the fall will have the opportunity to make presentations to the community about their projects.

More information about the Davis Projects for Peace initiative is available at www.davisprojectsforpeace.org.

“Generation Jobless” Employment Innovation Fellowships Announced



Successful fellows Lance Legel and Megan Majd

The first “Generation Jobless” Employment Innovation Fellowships, which fund creative solutions to help solve the crisis of youth unemployment, were awarded at the Candlelight Sunday Supper on May 3. These Fellowships are a direct follow-on from the “Generation Jobless” Conference held at International House in October 2014. The three winning projects will begin this summer.

Made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation, the “Generation Jobless” Employment Innovation Fellowships encouraged I-House residents and recent alumni to envision new and lasting solutions to global youth unemployment.

Applicants were evaluated on the creativity, feasibility, and potential impact of their projects.

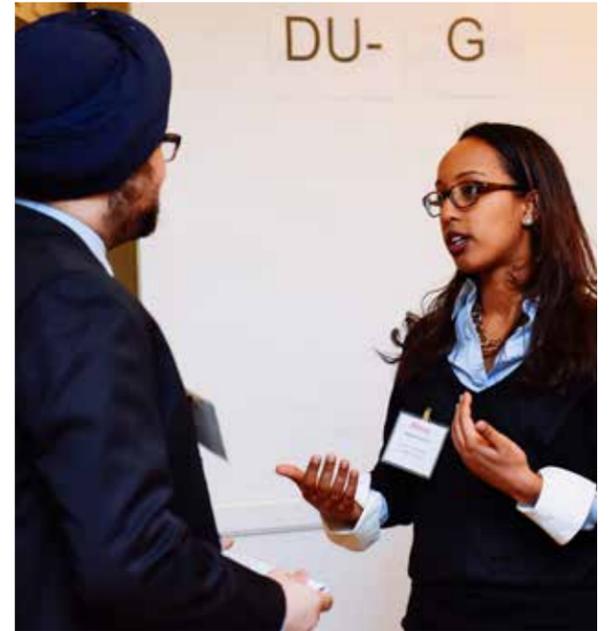
The Employment Innovation fellows and their projects reflect the diversity of International House: they hail from Poland, Turkey (on two different teams), and the United States, and the projects will take place in New York, Haiti, and the digital realm.

Stephanie Sodaro, Bartosz Garbaczewski and Eser Garipagaoglu won for “Green Shift: Youth Employment in the Low Carbon Economy,” which will “green” International House itself. Working with local youth and the I-House facilities team, they will address energy, water and waste to make a green blueprint-or greenprint-to create green jobs.

Pinar Zubaroglu received a fellowship for the “Job Bank Café” in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She will work with local organizations to create a social and professional center (whether stationary, pop-up, or mobile) for gathering youth, facilitating networking, and helping place them in the few growth areas in this poor country devastated by natural disaster. Zubaroglu wants youth to understand that poverty isn’t destiny.

Lance Legel and Megan Majd’s successful project, “the Skills Website,” will identify the skills employers say they are seeking to fill jobs across professions, and correlate them with the skills job-seekers possess. They plan to visualize this in an easy, compelling way through this free search engine, which will help users better understand the job market.

Career-Oriented Programming Helps I-House Residents Prepare for the Future



Almaz Falol '09 discusses healthcare consulting with I-House resident Jaskaran Lamba at Professional Interest Night.

Responding to an increase in resident demand for career-oriented programming, I-House hosted a series of events in February designed to prepare residents for future job searches.

I-House partnered with One to World, a New York City based non-profit that creates global citizens and inspires a peaceful world through one-of-a-kind programs in classrooms and communities, on February 7 for “Building your Brand & Networking.” Held in Davis Hall, this half-day workshop presented by Alan Kirzer of the Institute of Global Student Success helped residents and international students from across New York City learn how to market themselves in their internship and job searches.

The Resident Roundtable on February 12 also tackled personal branding as well as networking and recruitment strategies. It featured an interactive workshop led by Alison Richards, director of EMPA and alumni career services at Columbia University School of Public Policy and International Relations.

Representatives from Bayer HealthCare, the lead sponsor of the Women’s International Leadership Program (WIL) led a discussion on resume writing and interviewing skills on February 17.

Sandra Ille, human resources business partner at Bayer, presented on what companies are looking for on a resume and gave recommendations about how to incorporate the I-House experience, especially leadership roles whether it be holding a fellowship or organizing a booth at All Nations, into a resume.

Bayer executives Linda Aiello, senior human resources advisor, Melissa Lesko, human resources business partner, Heather Mauriello, deputy director digital marketing, Amy Miller, U.S. communications and Cindy North, deputy director DTC marketing, later broke the residents into small groups where they conducted mock one-on-one interviews. Residents received feedback both from the professionals as well as their peers.

The I-House photo aides also stepped up to help their fellow residents improve their resumes and LinkedIn profiles. On February 22, they hosted a free photo shoot and took headshots for residents to use in their professional documents.

Residents practiced what they learned at the prior networking workshops at the annual Professional Interest Night (PIN) on February 25.

Over thirty alumni, working in finance, consulting, diplomacy, education and public health among other industries, returned to I-House to share their experiences and expertise with this year’s residents and answer their questions about the job search process, the transition from I-House to the working world, benefits of additional graduate work and other career related topics. Many had participated in Professional Interest Night as residents and were returning for the first time as alumni.

“I am really happy to have an opportunity to give back,” said Olamide David '09, an advisor at the Permanent

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WIL Week Examines Women’s Roles Across Industries and Cultures



WIL Grantee Stephanie Martinez, Joi Gordon and Chitra Nawbatt

The annual Women’s International Leadership (WIL) Week, held March 2-6, celebrated the many roles of women across cultures and showcased the talents of this year’s WIL Program grantees.

The week kicked off with the roundtable “Women Waging Peace.” Moderated by WIL grantee Jagoda Rosul-Gajic, a visiting scholar at the Institute for Human Rights at Columbia, the panelists, Louise Allen, executive coordinator, NGOWG on Women, Peace and Security and Dorota Gierycz, adjunct professor of law, Columbia University, discussed women’s roles in peace building.

The following day in a wide ranging conversation with anchor and correspondent Chitra Nawbatt, Joi Gordon, CEO of Dress for Success Worldwide, provided insight into the international organization and her rise and role as CEO.

Known for providing professional clothing to disadvantaged women, Dress for Success (DFS) also promotes the economic independence of these women by providing a network of support and career development tools including mock interviews, resume review and financial literacy and capability training.

“We want our door to be the last that she walks through which is not already open to her,” said Gordon.

Using humor and personal anecdotes, Gordon related how she came to be involved with Dress for Success. After seeing a piece on the local news, Gordon, who was then an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, decided to donate a suit to the organization. When she called and stated that she was an attorney, she was asked to join the board and a year later, she was CEO.

“I fell in love with the mission” of Dress for Success and “fell in love with impacting women,” Gordon said. “I believe this was my destiny.”

Under her leadership, Dress for Success, which now has a budget of approximately \$20M, has grown exponentially. It has served over 775,000 women and has offices in 138 cities in 18 countries, a franchise model that Gordon related was based on Dunkin’ Donuts.

Its clientele has also changed. Founded to serve welfare mothers, the economic crisis of 2008 shifted their demographic. Since then, the women they serve include not just those on public assistance, but also those who have had good jobs at major corporations, but who have struggled with unemployment since the crisis.

“We have become the organization that anyone can come to and be treated with dignity,” Gordon explained.

The organization continues to look to expand to even more locations around the world.

“This is exactly the audience I want to be in front of,” Gordon said in reference to the countries represented by resident members in the crowd.

Gordon’s talk was preceded by a reception that included the “Women Who Inspire” photography exhibit. Portraits of inspiring women were selected based on resident submissions and included Pina Bausch '60, the renowned dancer and choreographer who lived at I-House while studying at Juilliard.

The arts played a major role throughout WIL Week. On March 5, the WIL grantees hosted “An Evening at the Speakeasy: Stories and Jazz of I-House.” It featured a performance by an all female band led by grantee Astrid Kuljanik, which was interspersed with personal storytelling by residents.

The week concluded with a screening of “Cuba, The People,” organized by grantees Joyce Bessis and Kymelya Mohammad Raji. The screening was followed by a question and answer session with one of the film’s producers, Keiko Tsuno, who described what it was like being the only film crew allowed into Cuba after the revolution and the dramatic changes she has seen during subsequent visits.

WIL Week is the culmination of the Women’s International Leadership Program and allows grantees to put into action the training they have received throughout the yearlong program.

“I was shocked by my own growth through the entire process,” said grantee Stephanie Martinez. “I did things that I never thought I’d be able to do, and I feel so much more confident as a person and as a leader.”

ALUMNI THROUGH THE DECADES

1950s

Julius A. Horn '50 is a consultant and contributes to the Alexis' de Tocqueville Institute and to the Brussels Think Tank. Previously, he headed the European Center for Economic Research for more than twenty years.

Cesar C. Zalamea '52 serves as the chairman of the board and president of Marcventures Holdings, Inc. He is also the chairman of Marcventures Mining and Development Corp. and chairman of Starr International Company (Asia), Limited.

Dr. Wilton S. Dillon '53, senior scholar emeritus, Smithsonian Institution, is the author of the forthcoming book, "Smithsonian Stories: Chronicle of a Golden Age 1964-1984" (Transaction Publishers). It deals with late 20th century intellectual trends manifest in books generated by the Smithsonian's international, interdisciplinary symposia series.

1960s

Gordon M. Stevenson, Jr. '64 is of counsel in the trusts and estates department at Nutter McClenne & Fish.

Richard E. Verville '64 is principal, focused on health care law, civil rights and disability law and legislation at Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville.

Gilbert J. Wise '64 is a clinical professor of urology at Weill Cornell Medical College and an attending urologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

Donald S. Sutton '65, Ph.D. is a professor of Chinese history at Carnegie Mellon University.

Edward G. Gingold '68 is in his 37th year with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as an attorney.

1970s

Nnaemeka A. Achebe '70 is the 21st Obi of the Onitsha people of Nigeria.

Jamil A. Dehlavi '70 is an independent filmmaker currently working as associate professor in the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Habib University in Karachi.

Ibrahim A. Gambari '71 and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright have been named co-chairs of a new United Nations body, the Commission on Global Security, Justice and Governance.

Hasna J. Moudud '71 spoke on March 24 as part of Harvard University's South Asia Institute's South Asia Without Borders Seminar on the "Silk Road to South Asia Through Bangladesh." She is currently a research fellow at the Institute.

Edward S. Bozek '72 is a consultant with ESB Enterprises.

Daniel P. Finkelman '72 is a partner in the corporate department and a member of the private investment funds group at Proskauer Rose.

Robert W. Rees '72 is general partner at Startup Capital Ventures.

Michael S. Sirkin '72 is a senior partner at Proskauer Rose, LLP.

Paul C. Vance '73 is of counsel and a business lawyer for Foley & Lardner LLP. Previously he was senior vice president of football operations for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League.

Judy S. Cheng-Hopkins '74 was appointed special advisor of the UN Secretary-General on the University for Peace by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Geri Malandra '76 is the founder and principal of Malandra Consulting LLC, a firm created to assist higher education leaders with the development and implementation of outcomes-focused management, accountability, and policy initiatives.

Michael Daugherty '77 is a professor of composition at the University of Michigan.

Trudy E. Bower '78 has retired from the UN World Food Programme and is living in Rome, Italy.

Barbara P. Wanner '78 directs the United States Council for International Business' work on information, communications and technology issues.

Richard N. Zinober '79 is a prize-winning playwright currently serving as professor at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

1980s

Ronald M. Schramm '80 will publish "The Chinese Macroeconomy and Financial System: A U.S. Perspective" (Routledge/Taylor and Francis). It is the first textbook to compare the world's two largest economies across a variety of economic and financial dimensions. Schramm is currently a professor at the International Business School Suzhou, XJTU, a UK Chinese university. He spent most of his career on the faculty of Columbia Business School.



When Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden's wife, visited Zurich recently to discuss Switzerland's educational system outside of the universities (strictly structured vocational trainings of 3 to 4 years for more practical rather than academic professions), **Karl Safft '87**, President of the Swiss Fulbright Alumni Association, had the opportunity to meet with Biden and the US Ambassador to Switzerland **Suzan LeVine** to discuss various aspects of the education system. Pictured from left to right: Jill Biden, Karl Safft and Ambassador Suzan LeVine.

Paul E. Brantley '83 performed two of Bach's *Suites for Solo Cello* to celebrate Bach's 330th at Our Savior's Atonement Church in March. He has been awarded a composer's fellowship to attend the Anderson Center for the month of May in support of a new work he is composing for the Horszowski Trio.

Partha P. Bose '84 is chief marketing officer for Oliver Wyman.

Warren A. James '84 was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York to represent the Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker of the New York City Council. Previously he served as trustee and later chairman of the advisory board at Museo del Barrio on Museum Mile.

Patrick W. Kunkee '84 is co-principal, trumpet, for the Nashville Symphony.

Jonathan L. Kuhn '85 and his wife **Michelle Herman '85** recently performed in a caberet show at Don't Tell Mom's in New York City.

Usha M. Rao-Monari '86 is chief executive officer of Global Water Development Partners, new water-investment and development platform owned by Blackstone.

Anna B. Reisman '87 has been appointed director of the Program for the Humanities in Medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

Jonathan R. Stromseth '88 works for the U.S. Department of State as member of the policy planning staff, covering the East Asia and Pacific portfolio.

Joanne Harwood '89 is the Andrall E. Pearson Curator of Ancient American Art, Department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

1990s

Randi Davis '90 is currently director of the gender team in the UNDP's bureau for policy and programme support, based in New York.

Sue Baines '90 was invited to conduct doctoral research through the music and health research group at University of Limerick, Ireland, which she completed this year. Her Ph.D. studies the links between music therapy practices and research practices and social justice.

Lisa Reisman '91, '02, a freelance writer in Connecticut, recently published a book, "5 Months, 10 Years, 2 Hours" chronicling her miraculous recovery after being diagnosed with the most lethal of brain tumors.

Ali N. Chowhan '91 was appointed as chief justice, Supreme Court of the Re-

public of The Gambia, last year. A former judge of the Lahore High Court and as a judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY), he is the second Judge from Pakistan to serve as Chief Justice of The Gambia.

Mark D. Heimigner '92 leads Dunch Arts' executive recruitment practice and is the general manager of the firm.

Michael D. Largey '93 is professor of musicology at the Michigan State University College of Music where he teaches courses in Caribbean music, South Asian music, East Asian music, ethnographic fieldwork, world music, and historical musicology.

Carlos Haddad '94 recently became director of administration for the the UN Economic Commission for Africa based in Ethiopia.

Michael C. Creadon '95 is the managing partner at Traditum, where he manages the fixed-income, energy, and automation desks.

Chanthol Oung '95 is founder and executive director of the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC), an organization whose mission is to provide women who have been victims of gender-based abuse and their children with crisis intervention services and to reduce violence against women.

Kofi M. Amouzou '98 has published a new book: "Kofi, a Child of Lavié," a heart-tugging tale of an African boy's quest for education. More information at www.kofiamouzou.com.

Svetlana Shmulyian '99's band, Svetlana & the Delancey Five, just released the new video for her original song "All I Want!" View it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-IRVpApr-w>

2000s

Ivan V. Small '01 is a sociocultural anthropologist and assistant professor at Central Connecticut State University.

Christine Rappleye '02 is an editor and reporter for the *Deseret News*, where she works on the features sections, including the food/health section and book reviews.

Felicity von Peter '02 is founder and managing partner of Active Philanthropy, a platform for families and individuals interested or already engaged in philanthropy.

Charles Dinda '03 is a 3rd year Bachelor of Law student at University of Lusaka, working for the Danish Institute for Human Rights in Zambia as national advisor.



Dan Venning '09 married Emma Halpern, whom he met while living at the House, on November 22, 2014 in Davis Hall at International House. I-House is a family affair for Dan, the NYAAC secretary: His mother, Laura Siegel, two of whose paintings hang outside Davis Hall, lived at I-House Berkeley, and his paternal grandmother, Corey Venning, lived at I-House Chicago. Emma's aunt and uncle, Michel Jouard and Virginia Angelovich are themselves Sakura Sweethearts, having been married in the Home Room nearly forty years ago!



A number of old I-House friends and their families got together for a mini-reunion this December. Pictured here are: Manuela Henderkes, Michael Haring '84, Birgit Bürkin, Kurt Bürkin '84, Irina Moessle, Klaus Moessle '85, Martina Schmitz '87, Christian Trillhaas '87, Gabi Trillhaas, Patricia Salomon '84, Carole Salomon '84, Nils Francke '85, Marianne Francke, Julius Hugelshofer and Markus Hugelshofer '87.

Ernesto Villalobos '03 and his band, the Villalobos Brothers, are musical artists in residence at the New York Botanical Gardens as part of the FRIDA KAHLO: Art, Garden, Life exhibition throughout the summer of 2015.

Bora Yagiz '04 received his Financial Risk Manager (FRM) certificate this year.

Sasha N. Cisar '05 is an architect and theorist based in Zürich. Currently he researches and teaches at the ETH at SuAT (Sustainable Architecture and Building Technologies) on sustainability and spatialization of energy, economics and crisis in architecture and urbanism.

Stacy Spencer '05 and husband Ryan Spencer welcomed a baby in April 2013. Stacy continues to direct a residential program for foster care youth which is part of a pilot project in California aiming to transform residential treatment for foster care youth.

Joseph Speicher '07 is the executive director of the Autodesk Foundation.

Ciara C. Rivera '08 works at UNICEF's Regional Office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal.

2010s

Mirva H. Lempiainen '10 is a frequent contributor to Finland's biggest newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, and writes a monthly calendar of events for Finnair's in-flight magazine *Blue Wings*.



Bryan Wagorn '12, an Assistant Conductor with Metropolitan Opera, got together with a group of I-House friends for brunch, hosted by Laura Cantekin '12, on Valentine's Day. Pictured here are back row: Sidra Rehman '10, Rahul Bhansali, Sonia Patel '11, Laura Cantekin '12, Wagorn, Pavlina Horakova '11, Tommy Dyer '11, Javor Bracic '12, Liz Hernandez '11. Front row: Amiran Gelashvili '13, Ceren Sonmez '14 and Fidel Malena '11.

Dino Sossi '11 received his doctor of education in instructional technology and media this spring.

Gerold Niggemann '12 has acted as counsel predominantly to bidders in both public and private M&A, and has also assisted huge funds in their "Loan to Own" strategies regarding restructurings during 2014's frenzy deal making bonanza in M&A.

Junko Ishikawa '14 and Gen Nakao got married on March 21, 2015. They met at Sunday Supper in January, 2012, and have been together ever since.

Career-Oriented Programming Helps I-House Residents Prepare for the Future

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I-House residents at the Resume Writing and Interview Workshop conducted by Bayer HealthCare.

Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations. "I was at the same phase of my career a couple of years back and Professional Interest Night gave me the chance to meet **Nicholas Gouede '82** [an advisor with UNAIDS]. He helped me a lot in the early start of my career at the Mission."

Alumna **Shawna-Kaye Lester '12**, a communications associate at the Guttmacher Institute, echoed that

sentiment. "I feel as if I grew a lot at I-House, in no small part due to people who came to see and speak with us, so I pay it forward."

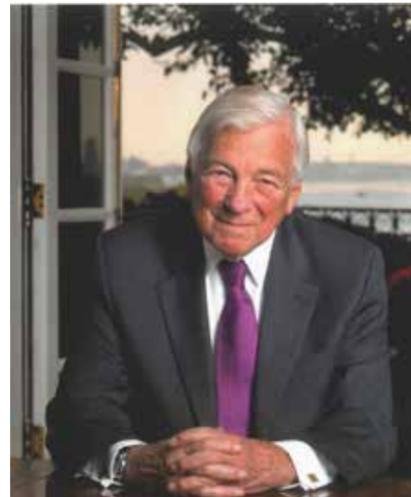
Designed as a relatively informal alternative to traditional career networking events, PIN gives residents and alumni the opportunity to forge not just professional but also personal connections with one another, using their shared I-House experiences as a natural starting point.

"I go to a lot of networking events at school, but PIN is different; so much more relaxed, casual, and personal. It's much easier to have an authentic interaction with someone when you have I-House in common," said current resident Jaclyn Sawyer. "I was thrilled to connect with an alumna who has many shared interests, both in social justice and in the same region of the world as I do, and it was great to talk about our respective work with enthusiasm."



I-House hosted "Toast the Transition," a celebration for soon-to-be alumni on May 3. The event featured remarks by President Calvin Sims, World Council Member **George Mathew '04** and Director of Alumni Programs **Nicole Davidson**, who welcomed the Class of 2015 into the alumni community and provided information about the opportunities that await them post-departure. Pictured here are Class of 2015 members Alyssa Di Cara, Ireni Zervas and Claudia Schneider.

I-House Remembers Former Board Chairman John C. Whitehead



John C. Whitehead, the prominent business leader, statesman and philanthropist whose shrewd judgment and unflagging commitment to its ideals helped guide International House as chairman of the board for nine years, died at his Manhattan home on February 7 at age 92.

Whitehead, who led Goldman Sachs, served as U.S. deputy secretary of state in the late 1980s, and chaired organizations including the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the International Rescue Committee and the Brookings Institution, led the I-House board from 1989 until 1998, when he was elected Honorary Trustee.

The current chairman, Ambassador Frank G. Wisner, and President Calvin Sims issued a statement mourning Whitehead's passing: "His legacy of leadership and support, including the establishment of the corporate visitor series that bears his name, is deep and abiding, and his involvement and counsel will be greatly missed."

Whitehead had a lasting impact on the House and was a hands-on chairman throughout his tenure. He led the Board during a time when International House was absorbing the recently-purchased I-House North and was challenged to increase its occupancy with higher numbers of viable candidates for residency.

Tapping into his vast network of contacts, he established a corporate seminar speaker series in 1990, drawing CEOs of multi-national corporations including IBM, American Express, and Citigroup. The program was named for Whitehead when he stepped down as chairman.

This success led to the creation of a new speaker series devoted to performing and visual arts, in which Whitehead maintained a lifelong interest, and the Leadership in the Arts Program series was launched in 1992.

Whitehead was a valuable asset in other respects. He was both a successful fund-raiser and personally generous as a benefactor of the House, and he quietly supported individual residents who sought his help, staying in touch with them over the years.

Born in 1922, Whitehead grew up in Montclair, New Jersey, graduated from Haverford College in 1943, and served in the U.S. Navy, including the D-Day landing at Normandy, during World War II. After receiving a Harvard M.B.A. in 1947 he joined Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he was named partner in 1956, and co-chairman in 1976.

In 1985, Whitehead was appointed deputy secretary of state by President Reagan and took a special interest in relations with Eastern Europe, the United Nations, and with various administrative reforms in the State Department. He served until 1989.

After leaving the government, Whitehead assumed the chairmanship of AEA Investors, the private equity firm, and was elected to succeed Gerald R. Ford as chairman of I-House. He also chaired the boards of the United Nations Association of the USA, The Asia Society, the National Gallery of Art, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, among many others.

He served as chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation from 2001 to 2006, and was the founding chairman of the National September 11th Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center.

"It is always a thrill for me when I enter I-House," he said in 1998, "just thinking about all the residents from around the world making lifelong friendships and learning to solve problems in a cooperative way. The concept is important, and a pioneering experiment in the world."

"To so many of us he was always 'the prince,' because in addition to his special talents and acumen, he exuded great moral leadership and principled stands," recalled former President Donald L. Cuneo. "He was unfailingly thoughtful about the effects of his decisions and policies on a wide range of individuals."

Whitehead was eulogized by his predecessor as I-House chairman, Henry A. Kissinger, at a funeral service at St. Thomas Church in New York City on February 17.

"John was driven not by the desire to be, but by the commitment to do," said Kissinger. "He judged actions by their nobility, not their utility. In a world of growing fragmentation, he exuded universal principles."

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph C. Wyman '56, Quogue, NY

Edward Huang '57, New York, NY

Barbara V. Teelucksingh '60, Trinidad and Tobago

Sheldon L. Epstein '64, Wilmette, IL

Harvey Goldschmid '64

Eucaris M. Subbiah '83, Raleigh, NC

Bryan Turner '13, New York, NY

James Hester, Princeton, NJ

David L. Luke, New York, NY

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a benefactor, a friend and a mentor: Herman Rottenberg,” said event chair and NYAAC steering committee member **Tekau Frere '09**.

Bogdan Dulu '10 wowed the audience with a performance of Chopin's *Étude op. 10 no. 5* and Hamelin's *Étude No. 10*. His demonstration of high virtuosity was preceded by a touching introduction in which Dulu reflected on how his I-House experience transformed him, making him a better and more confident public speaker, a transformation that was quite evident to the 300 plus attendees in Davis Hall.

Interspersed throughout the evening were historic readings highlighting different time periods at I-House. Among them was a speech by Bangnoo A. Liu, a Chinese resident and the Student Council president, given at the 1941 Candlelight Sunday Supper during World War II, an excerpt of Herman Rottenberg's speech on the occasion of his 40th anniversary with I-House, which was followed by a touching rendition of “Over the Rainbow” sung by **Svetlana Shmulyian '99** and accompanied by Guy Mintus, and a portion of the address given by Nelson Mandela during I-House's 75th anniversary.

Pianist Kathleen Tagg '04 wrapped up the musical portion of the evening with a performance of an original peace, “The Earth,” which was inspired by the 20th anniversary of South Africa's first free elections, and began with a recording of Mandela's inauguration speech.

Alumni also gathered in Accra on November 7. “We were a small group,” said **Freda Yawson '13**, who organized the event with World Council member **Vincent Azumah '00**, but “I think we started a trend by having the first-ever I-House NYC meet-up in Accra.”

That same night, alumni in Toronto were treated to an intimate evening at the U.S. consul general's residence, organized by World Council member **Mark Trayling '09**. In his remarks Consul General Jim Dickmeyer told attendees that they should treat his home as a “second I-House.”

The following day alumni gathered in first-time location Buenos Aires, where a small, but dedicated group of alumni “had a blast” and partied together until 2 am, according to event organizer **Lucia Laporte '10**. Meanwhile in North America, **Alex Melotti '12** and **Najwan Stephan-Tozy '08** teamed up again to keep the community of I-House alumni in Vancouver together with a dinner at the Keno Café.

Said **Bibhas Vaze '04**, who has attended a number of alumni gatherings in Vancouver: “I love Vancouver, but still miss the wonderful days, activities, and conversations had in New York and I-House, and our get-togethers help bring that back.”

Shanghai again played host to an I-House Day celebration on November 8. During a dinner hosted by John Pek and organized by World Council member **Eileen Fang '99**, new faces joined repeat attendees as alumni discussed the House's relationship with China, dating back to its origination story, and shared photos from their time at I-House with one another.

Later in November, alumni gathered in Cologne for an evening of cocktails and conversation at Harry's Bar organized by Freunde President **Astrid Nierhoff-Fassbender '05** on November 14, and in Frankfurt at a happy hour on November 12 at Darmstaedter Hof, organized by **Andreas Huebner '86** and **Klaus Moessle '85**.

Said Huebner of the gathering, “it was quite entertaining, but also a constructive dialogue on Europe and its future We deeply enjoyed being together and sharing our views, which are all very much in light of our common I-House experience—being part of a larger world community, overlooking borders and respecting national cultural aspects. It was a typical I-House evening which easily could have happened in the big lounge in front of the fireplace on a late Sunday afternoon or in the Pub.”

That feeling of camaraderie was replicated in Geneva on November 10 at an event organized by **Georges Haour '69** and hosted at his home, and again in Houston on November 14 at a gathering organized by **Yen Geekie '09**, both first time locations.

The 2014 I-House Day celebrations came to end with a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner in Zurich where I-House alumni were invited to join alumni from the Fulbright Program at an event organized by World Council member **Karl Safft '87**.

If you are interested in organizing an event in your area for the 2015 Worldwide I-House Day Celebration, please visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/ibdvolunteer. We will try to accommodate as many locations as possible.

Additional photos from the 2014 celebrations can be viewed at www.flickr.com/ibousenyc.



This winter, alumni gathered in Florence on February 22 at a lunch organized by World Council member **Stefano Bini '06** and in London, pictured here, on January 28 at the home of Friends of I-House, UK Trustee **Tomas Hazleton '91** to reconnect and celebrate the House's 90th anniversary.



On May 9th, **Victor Fungkong '90** hosted a dinner on the occasion of Trustee **John Pek '68's** visit to Jakarta. Pictured here are Top row (left to right): **Anthony Pek**, **Adrianto Hermawi '05**, **Ridarson Galingging '94**, **Victor Fungkong '90**. Bottom row (left to right): **Amalia Pulungan '08**, **John Pek '68**, **Sjamsiah Achmad '62**, **Peter Cronin '04** and **Susan Pranata**



John Pek '68 hosted a dinner in Hong Kong on May 18. Pictured here are back row (from left to right): **Alex Zhang '08**, **Frank Wong '81**, **John Pek '68**, **Alexander Loke '93 '04**, **Herbert H.M. Pang '03**. Front row: **Chai Wu**, **Evangeline Pek**, **Cindy Wong**

NYAAC Explores the City



Alumni at the “Murder, Scandal and Vice” walking tour of lower Manhattan

The New York Area Alumni Chapter (NYAAC) recently offered alumni several unique opportunities to see the city in ways they wouldn't be able to do on their own

NYAAC Steering Committee **Raquel Sumulong '05** arranged for a group of twenty alumni and guests to attend a performance of the British Comedy, *Not Now, Darling*, at the Amateur Comedy Club (ACC) on February 23. ACC is America's oldest continuously operating amateur dramatics company located in a beautiful, landmarked carriage house in Murray Hill in Manhattan. A private club, its performances are ordinarily only open to members.

Following the performance, alumni joined club members for an intimate reception.

“Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and especially liked the exclusivity of the event,” said Sumulong.

With spring finally arriving, alumni joined **Andrea Janes '06**, founder of Boroughs of the Dead, a unique tour company devoted to strange, dark and unusual walking tours of New York City, for an exclusive historic walking tour, “Murder, Scandal and Vice,” on April 22.

Filled with rich stories, the tour, which is not offered to the public, took alumni around lower Manhattan and examined the sites of some of old Gotham's most brutal and infamous crimes.

“The evening was warm in spirit, and proved a great way to reconnect with our International House community,” said **Leah Jordano-Kudalis '06**.

NYAAC is currently seeking additional steering committee members. If you would like to get involved with NYAAC, please contact alumni@ihouse-nyc.org.

New Trustees Elected to the Board



Mikio Hazumi



Phillip W. Henderson



Bei Ling

At its February 23rd meeting, the Board of Trustees of International House elected three new trustees:

Mikio Hazumi is group vice president with Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. and Toyota Motor North America, Inc. Other than a few years at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC, Hazumi has spent his entire career at Toyota. He currently sits on the boards of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York and the Nippon Club. Hazumi holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Gakushuin University.

Phillip W. Henderson is president of the Surdna Foundation, a New York City-based family foundation focused on fostering just and sustainable communities in the United States. Before joining the foundation in 2007, he held various positions with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Henderson currently sits on the boards of the Living Cities Foundation, BoardSource, and the Romanian American Foundation. Henderson holds an M.A. in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a B.A. in economics from Michigan State University.

Bei Ling is global head of compensation and benefits at JPMorgan Chase. She previously held positions at PNC Financial Services and Merrill Lynch. Ling holds a Bachelor's Degree from Beijing University and an M.B.A. in finance from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

SAVE THE DATE

Freunde Pan-European Alumni Reunion & Annual Meeting
September 18-20, 2015

2015 I-House Day Worldwide Celebration
November 2015

For information about these events, please visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/alumni-events or contact Nicole Davidson at ndavidson@ihouse-nyc.org or 212-316-8425.

New Office Directors Join Staff

International House welcomed several new department directors this year.



Susan Morris

Susan Morris, the new director of strategic initiatives and special projects, joined the staff full-time in January after producing the "Generation Jobless" Conference in October. Throughout her career, she has worked as a curator, producer, and writer at organizations including the National Endowment for the Arts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, WNYC Radio, and the Ford Foundation.

In her new role, Morris hopes "to bring new awareness of I-House to the outside world, bring the richness of the world here to I-House, and watch it fan out back across the globe."

Facilities Management Director Larry Palfini started at I-House in November. He joined International House after a successful 25-year career with Tiffany & Co., most recently as vice president of global real estate and store development.

Palfini is "excited to have the opportunity to manage and operate a unique historic property in support of the legacy and mission of International House."

Parmila Phillips is the latest addition to senior management, serving as the director of finance. Phillips has an M.B.A. in corporate finance and M.Sc. in global management from Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. She has extensive experience in accounting, operational, business and legal affairs in both the non-profit and commercial space, having most recently served as vice president of finance and business affairs at Vibe Media, LLC.



Larry Palfini

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



An alumni couple who met at International House nearly five decades ago, and who went on to distinguished careers in law and academia, have come forward with a \$25,000 matching grant to encourage support for the Annual Fund by alumni and friends.

The couple, who wishes to remain anonymous, has cited the lifelong impact of their experience at the House as an impetus for helping us achieve our fund-raising goals this year.

Unrestricted giving to the Annual Fund makes it possible for I-House to offer the scholarships, resources and services that help residents make the most of their experiences each year. By responding to this dollar-for-dollar, \$25,000 challenge, you will help ensure that I-House continues to provide the same enriching experience alumni have enjoyed for decades, and well as exciting new initiatives and opportunities now underway.

In addition to helping us achieve our Annual Fund goals, by making a gift of any amount, new or lapsed donors will help increase the number of individual gifts to the House. Higher rates of participation reflect our alumni's support of the I-House mission and their desire to remain connected to the House and with each other.

How appropriate that this opportunity arrives just as I-House is winding down its 90th anniversary year. Engaged alumni and friends are critical to our financial well-being, and we are extremely grateful for this generous matching challenge. Please help us make the most of it by making an unrestricted gift to the Annual Fund today at www.ihouse-nyc.org/donate.

John Wells

Fletcher Dean Urges Use of Soft Power



James Stavridis

Challenges and opportunities in the context of "21st Century Security" were discussed by James Stavridis, dean of Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, at the Davis Peace & Diplomacy Program, on December 3.

Stavridis was introduced by fellow Fletcher School alumnus Andrew Darrell, chair of the I-House Programs Committee, who noted the former admiral's 30-year naval career and stint as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO.

Strategic engagement by the United States and promoting ideals of freedom, democracy, education and gender and racial equality are part of the long game of soft power that will help enhance security in the 21st century, Stavridis told the audience.

The Dean reviewed the biggest sources of tension in the world today, starting with the Islamic State, which he differentiated from other violent extremist groups by noting its successes in fund-raising and branding.

The former admiral expressed hope that a diplomatic solution will be reached with Iran over its pursuit of nuclear technology, but said North Korea, with its "young, untested, highly emotional leader," remains the most dangerous nation in the world.

He identified other trouble spots including Syria, the Ukraine and Afghanistan, but emphasized the prospect of cyber warfare from China, Russia and elsewhere as having the greatest potential to harm both national and personal financial security.

Stavridis said that opportunities to meet these challenges lie in alliances such as NATO but, more importantly, in the exercise of the tenets espoused by International House and the Fletcher School.

"We should be listening a lot more," said Stavridis, "think before acting, read and learn before thinking."

The United States still has a role to play on the world stage, but Stavridis said its emphasis should remain on people, engaging in humanitarian work, and creating bridges to change the way people think about the U.S.

"Our ideas—freedom, democracy, education and gender and racial equality—are good," Stavridis concluded. "The U.S. military can launch missiles, but we need to get better at launching ideas."

The Spring Semester at I-House in Pictures



On April 25, alumni returned home to join residents for the annual spring Sakura Park Clean Up Day. Volunteers assisted the Riverside Park Fund in mulching trees in I-House's front yard and removing excess brush and weeds. Pictured here are Lane Mikula (left) and Kofi Deh '12 (right).



On April 30, I-House and Columbia University's International Student and Scholars Office co-hosted "Poetry in the Presence of the Holy," a reading and discussion featuring poets Christian Wiman (left), former editor of Poetry Magazine, and Yuyutsu Ram Dass Sharma (right), editor of Pratik, A Magazine of Contemporary Writing.



The 2015 Resident Members Gift Campaign raised over \$9,000 including several challenge grants from I-House Trustees for emergency scholarships. Saskia Knight (far left), who co-chaired this year's campaign with Keith Greer, presented President Calvin Sims with a symbolic check at the Candlelight Sunday Supper on May 3.



Residents perform the song "Nada Sousou" at the Japanese Cultural Hour in April. The cultural hour featured video presentations, music, dances and theatrical skits to educate the I-House community about Japan.



The 2015 All Nations Celebration on March 28 featured dance performances by residents, the popular international food festival, a Grand Salon, and the International Arcade, represented here by the Middle East culture table. Led by All Nations fellows Arja Dayal and Alec Lichtenberg and with the help of over 200 staff and resident volunteers, the 2015 All Nations raised over \$3,000 for resident scholarships.

Resident Member Honors

A look at some of the recent achievements of International House's remarkable resident members.



Mario de Rosa

Mario de Rosa (Italy) received the "Premio di Laurea Giovanni Nocco" prize for the best administrative law student at Luiss Guido Carli University awarded by the Rome Rotary Club Roma Sud Est.



Alex Liebermann

Alex Liebermann (Germany) was one of the winners of the Ensemble Mise-En composition competition in February and made his Carnegie Hall debut to a sold out audience in April.



Mark Flanigan

Mark Flanigan (United States) has been selected to serve as a Faculty Advisor for the 2015 International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP) Delegation on International Relations & Diplomacy in China.



Anastasiya Tsoy

Anastasiya Tsoy (Uzbekistan/United States) presented her poster "Using Human Factors Games to Promote Psychology" at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Convention; Philadelphia, PA in March.



Eva Klesse

Eva Klesse (Germany), a drum student at NYU/Steinhardt, was nominated for two German Jazz Echo Awards (the German Grammy) for her debut album Xenon, released in October on Enja records.



Raffi Wartanian

Raffi Wartanian (United States), a student at Columbia University SIPA, produced and edited "Armenian School of Oud," a three volume textbook by Mihran Demirchyan. More information at <http://oudarmenia.tumblr.com>

To learn more about some of International House's remarkable residents, please visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/portraits.

I-House Selected for LinkedIn Pilot Program

International House is one of six institutions and the only non-university selected to participate in LinkedIn's Publishing Pilot Program for Millennials. Other participants are Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, New York University, Howard University and Babson College.

Residents and recent alumni will have the opportunity to write long-form posts that will be published on the world's largest professional networking website on both a dedicated student site, www.linkedin.com/pulse/channel/studentvoices, and other relevant LinkedIn channels, reaching up to 350 million peers and future employers. Content will be of the writer's choosing, but LinkedIn has provided a calendar of suggested timely topics such as graduation for May and internships for July.

In their posts to date, I-House participants have provided perspective on *The New York Times* expose on nail salon workers, given advice to incoming college freshmen to get involved in community service and encouraged fellow graduates to "do whatever scares you."

This new partnership, an offshoot from the October "Generation Jobless" Conference that featured Allen Blue, co-founder of LinkedIn as a speaker, was launched at an event on April 16.

At the launch event LinkedIn millennial editor Maya Pope-Chappell explained the pilot program and discussed what participants should write about, best practices, and examples of great long-form post writing.

"My focus is working with students, recent graduates and millennials and encouraging them to publish pieces on LinkedIn that highlight their knowledge and expertise. Writing on LinkedIn is a great opportunity for them to build their professional brand and get noticed by their peers, recruiters and future employers," said Pope-Chappell.

Tatsha Robertson, former editor at *Essence Magazine* and former New York bureau chief for *The Boston Globe*, will edit posts written by I-House participants before submission to LinkedIn. Interested individuals can sign up to participate and learn more at www.ihouse-nyc.org/LinkedIn.

Are you a member of the Official International House LinkedIn Group? If not, visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/LI to join and start connecting with fellow alumni and residents.