



Cooperatively Yours

Welcome Interim Executive Director!



Casa Zimbabwe house members in front of the Central Office

BY MADELEINE LOH
BSC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Teena Lorie Harris, our Interim Executive Director, took over in earnest in early April, although she has already spent many hours in the preceding month working closely with staff and students and says “I am humbled and honored to serve in the continuing legacy of the BSC. I would be happy to hear from alumni, who can reach me at teena@bsc.coop!”

Teena Lorie Harris (she/they) is a third generation Chicagoan. She is a proud product of Chicago public housing and Chicago public schools. She has an extraordinary passion for housing, with the conviction that housing is a human right. She believes everyone deserves to have affordable, safe, and

well placed housing. She has an extensive background working in commercial, retail, and residential real estate industries as an asset manager, real estate broker, portfolio manager, property manager, operations director, and much more. She currently manages many assets as a Portfolio Manager at HBR Chicago and is the Director of Operations and Property Management for Qumbya Housing Cooperative. She will serve on NASCO's Board of Directors as Chair and as a member of the Black and POC caucus, starting in 2022.

The Interim Executive Director is a temporary contract position of 6 months subject to extension by the Board. Teena Lorie will be here to help us hold the reins of our organization and tend to some of our most urgent needs like personnel and finance management while we search for a permanent Executive Director.

FEELING "NORMAL" DURING A PANDEMIC

Keeping our BSC members not only safe, but also feeling supported, requires the work of many hands.

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“It’s beautiful to have a group of friends, to watch something really normal on TV and make the world feel normal and fun in a time where everything wasn’t normal. Having that space together was one of my favorite parts of the pandemic and living in the Berkeley Student Co-operative” said Monica De Loera, Davis House Manager.

When her house had to quarantine after a member tested positive with COVID-19, her house relied on each other to make sure everyone had their needs met. This communal, cooperative ideal of taking care of housemates has been essential for the success of the BSC through the pandemic.

Hats off to Monica and to all our manager teams who have taken on the additional weight of the pandemic!



Monica (second from left) with some friends before the Pandemic



Bonnie Prestridge (Stebbins Hall), our member Resources Supervisor, steered a safe course for the BSC as the pandemic unfolded.

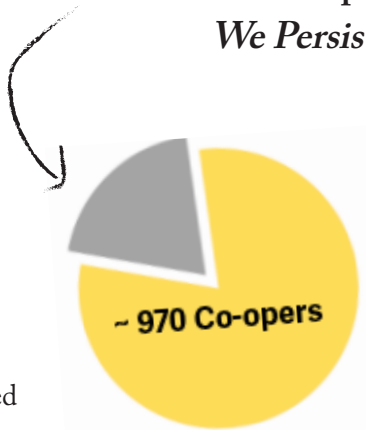
Behind Monica and other student leaders stand the BSC staff. The BSC particularly recognizes Member Resources Supervisor Bonnie Prestridge (Stebbins Hall 2009-12), for her extraordinary leadership and work in steering a safe course for the BSC as the pandemic unfolded. The early days of the pandemic were fraught with uncertainty, yet Bonnie, with the help of former Executive Director Kim Benson, formulated an emergency response strategy that included occupancy management, new health protocols, education, and communication.

As the pandemic wore on, all BSC staff, including myself, have acquired new skills and assumed new responsibilities. Now we all know about “index cases,” “exposure windows,” and “close contacts”! When we have a positive case, we isolate the student in one of our isolation apartments at Rochdale, and they are cared for by Facilities Manager Araceli Beltran (Fenwick 2012-15) and her team. We also organize a quarantine for the entire house, which requires an immense amount of coordination among house managers, staff, and house residents. Other staff who have helped with our COVID response are Jacki Kingkade, Rafael Botello, Betsy Putnam, Miguel Duarte, David Chelsea-Seifert, and Chris Kelley.

BSC COVID Record Impresses University Health Services

Our hard work paid off. I meet at least once a week with University Health Services, and they always praise the BSC for our low rate of infection and outbreaks. While UC Berkeley dormitories and Greek housing suffered from an explosion of cases, we have had a much lower number of positive cases, with no outbreaks.

Still Open at 70% Capacity (and Income)
We Persist with Help of Alumni Fundraisers

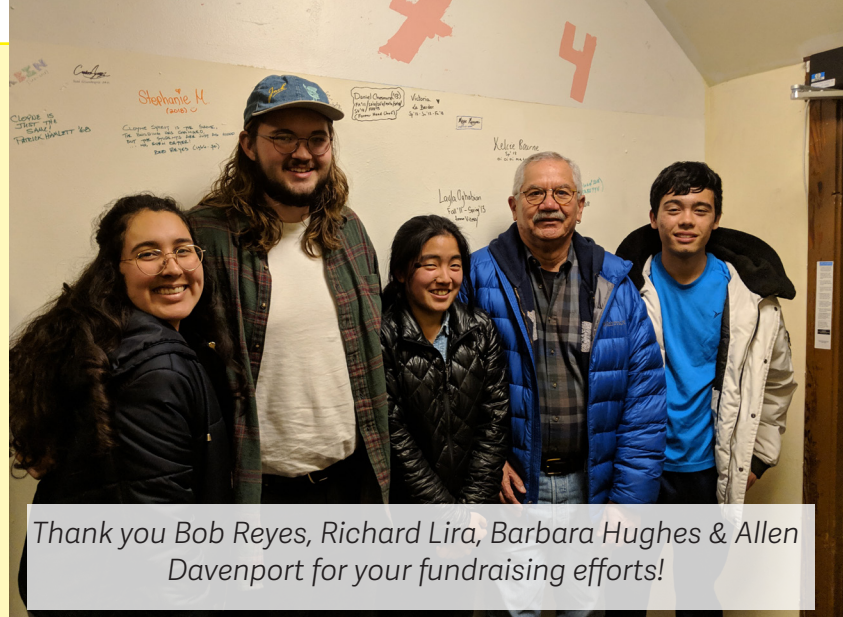


The pandemic has given me a renewed appreciation for the work of our student leaders, my colleagues in Operations who keep our students housed and stocked with cleaning supplies, and my colleagues in Member Resources who keep our house managers trained and organized. Not least, I am grateful to our student members for supporting the health of our community with frequent testing and open communication with BSC staff.

Our lowered capacity — 970 students instead of the usual 1,270 — has lowered our revenue by 30%. Additionally, we anticipate that a number of our students will simply not be able to pay their rents due. It has been a financially destructive year for many students and their families. The BSC budget deficit will be about \$3 million.

Before stepping down as Executive Director, Kim Benson managed to secure a CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program loan for \$498,000, which should qualify for loan forgiveness. We have also made other cuts and dipped into savings, and ramped up fundraising to help us keep our doors open and rents affordable.

The BSC is so grateful to Bob Reyes, Al Davenport, Barbara Hughes and Richard Lira for their tremendous support and work on our emergency fundraising effort last Fall. They succeeded in helping Madeleine Loh raise an additional \$150,000 for the Co-op!



Thank you Bob Reyes, Richard Lira, Barbara Hughes & Allen Davenport for your fundraising efforts!



Richard Lira



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Barbara Hughes at Sherman Hall

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ALUMNI NOTES



MARGIE GUILLORY

HOYT HALL, NORTHSIDE • 1970-75

The BSC thanks Margie for her dozens and dozens of homemade masks, sent to Central Office and to Hoyt Hall. Thank you for your warm care of our students and staff, Margie!



BOB LUCKE

BARRINGTON HALL • 1973-75

Dad divorced Mom when I was seven and my Mom raised us three kids by herself. Even with my crappy grades from Woodside High School in the Peninsula I got into Cal. Most parents did not want their kids going to that radical school with all the anti-war riots. I think 1973 was one of the few years where everybody who picked Cal as their first choice got in.

My older sister Nancy moved into Barrington the year before and invited me up for "Wine Dinner" in the Spring. I had a great time and thought Barrington was the coolest place. I moved into Suite 311 in the Fall of 1973. My room and board was \$274 per quarter. Tuition was \$600 per year. My suite-mates were Steve Ross, Ben Wald, Dave Klein. My roommate was Ron Schwartz.

There was a large bridge playing crowd and we would often play until two or three in the morning. Most of us were broke, so we rarely ate out. Sometimes when Ma Ramos would send over the Green Death (Apple Lamb Curry) from CK, we would head over to Giant Burger or Top Dog.

My first work shift was to work on the maintenance crew, which largely meant snaking out drains. By Spring, I had the courage to run (and win) for one of the three work shift manager positions. My job included waking people up at 7AM who missed their breakfast cook workshift. By Fall, I became House Manager. My biggest responsibility was neighbor relations. In my Junior year, I was elected Vice President of the Co-op and later became President. Running board meetings was quite an experience and required an enormous amount of patience and consideration of every individual's opinion. (Dear friends, don't snicker.)

The next year, I was hired to work in CO as "Management Intern," supporting Dick Palmer and later George Proper. The job was great – it certainly beat washing dishes in restaurants, which is how I paid my way previously. I learned an enormous amount on the job, especially with regard to accounting, book-keeping and business management. George, in particular, was a great mentor.

There was much to love about my time at Barrington — political discussions, someone to talk to any time day or night, the snack table, house council meetings, Star Trek in the TV room after dinner, many friendships I still have today, and the incredibly important life skills that have endured through my career. Barrington was also life-changing because its diverse population had a huge impact on tempering my prejudices and making me a more sensitive person.

RAY UNDERBERG

CASA ZIMBABWE, FENWICK • 1990-93

I vividly remember visiting my good highschool friend Mara at Cal our freshman year (I was at UCSD). She lived at Casa Zimbabwe. I spent a long weekend hanging out at CZ, going out with other students, and generally drinking in the Berkeley vibe. I was hooked.

I was living at home in San Diego attending UCSD. But I learned how affordable the Co-op was and figured that if I sold my car (and thus stopped paying car insurance, gas, maintenance, etc) I might be able to make it work....so I applied to transfer to Berkeley. I began taking lots of classes at UCSD that I did not need but that the Chemical Engineering department at Cal said I would need to be considered

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

MARK "WHACKER" CLAPHAM

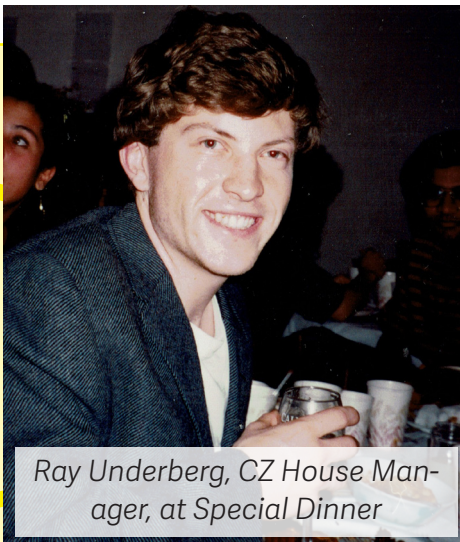
BARRINGTON HALL • 1971-75

for eligibility for Junior year transfer. I waited every day by the mailbox that February. Mercifully my acceptance letter arrived early in the month and even more significantly I found out I got into the Co-op! For without getting into the Co-op, my dream of being a Golden Bear would not have been possible. I got into CZ! I was headed to Cal!

To this day I am still very close to several of my fellow CZ-ers. Some of my CZ friends even married each other! There is no way that my life path would have been even similar to what it has been without the Co-op. I never would have taken a particular job after college resulting in meeting my future wife! I would not be living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The Co-op (CZ once again!) even became home to my baby sister a year after I graduated. She is now a professor in Florida!

When I think of the mental anguish that all those current Co-ops are going through the least that I can do is offer a little help. I know that there are other students, probably some at CZ, that are essentially "me". I know that if a pandemic had broken out in the early 90s when I was at CZ/Fenwick I may have had to have withdrawn from College. I know that many of the Coop-ers are first generation college students, that many are financially just barely hanging on.

There is just so much need right now; it can feel overwhelming. But, pick something to support, the Berkeley Student Cooperative, a food bank, laid-off guitar instructors, something, but honor your true self and act compassionately.



Ray Underberg, CZ House Manager, at Special Dinner



Mark and Barbara are both BSC alumni! Thank you for making a legacy gift that will support future students.

I chose to leave money to the Berkeley Student Cooperative because Barrington Hall was my incubator. I came to Berkeley very poor but with some books and a good GPA - that is, totally ignorant. While I may not have left much smarter I think I left a tad wiser for having shared a little space and time with a crazy stable of characters, many of whom I still remember 50 years later as if we were still acquainted. I married one of them (Barbara Christianson) and very occasionally meet others, but it is the memories I am repaying with this bequest and hope it provides someone their first opportunity for a life as lucky as mine has been.

Putting the BSC in Your Will

Even a gift in your will of 1% of your estate will make a difference!

We hope you will join the many people who have included the BSC in their will, trust, or beneficiary designations.

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If you have questions, contact our Development Director, Madeleine Loh, at (510) 649-8984 or mlloh@bsc.coop. If the BSC is already in your will, we hope you will inform us so we can plan for our future and show our gratitude!

IN MEMORIAM

DOLORES WARREN POWELL

1937-2020

BY MADELEINE LOH

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to thank Dolores personally for her years of support for the BSC in December 2019, a year before she passed from COVID. Dolores related her life story with warmth and a strong appreciation for the people and forces that helped her succeed, and was very proud of the article we published about her in the Spring 2020 issue of *Cooperatively Yours*.

Dolores Powell moved with her family from Texas to California during World War II and grew up in unincorporated East Los Angeles. She credited her family's high expectations ("my dad did not want me or my sister to end up as maids or babysitters in a white man's house") and her excellent education at Garfield High School for her eventual success in college. She started at East LA Junior College to save money and then transferred to UC Berkeley, where she lived at Hoyt Hall ("at UC Berkeley, the dorms were segregated by the Co-op was not") and joined the Delta Sigma Theta, a black sorority, which was an important network her entire life.

After college, she worked her entire life in the Los Angeles Unified School District, first as a teacher, then as a Spanish language specialist, and finally as an educational psychologist. After retiring in 1997, she enjoyed spending much time with her large extended family.

TOM SUTAK

1942-2020



Former student leaders, Executive Directors, and I were heartbroken to learn of Tom's death. Tom sat through many meetings of our student-run Board of Directors with his calming presence, and was beloved for his gentle wisdom and support for the BSC. Thank you, Tom! — Madeleine Loh, Development Director

BY ROBERT HUGHES (Barrington Hall 1957-61)

Tom liked to say he came to Cal because the other UC the University of Colorado in his native state — was "too radical." His eyes would then widen, and he would give that shambling, ah shucks, shrug of his, chuckling at his own naivete.

Tom had the confidence to tell self-deprecating stories about himself. He also had the open-mindedness and sense of mutual respect to not only survive, but thrive, among those with divergent and more liberal views than his.

By the time Tom arrived at Barrington Hall, the house was ground zero for campus radicalism and the Free Speech Movement thanks to the House Un-American Activities



Madeleine Loh with Dolores Warren Powell

Committee's San Francisco hearings into SLATE, a student political coalition challenging the historic grip of fraternities on the ASUC. Michael Tigar, a Barringtonian who went on to a distinguished legal career, became the SLATE candidate elected as the first non-fraternity ASUC President in decades. Tom Gong, another Barringtonian, was a SLATE candidate for the ASUC Senate. Student protestors at the HUAC hearings were firehosed on the steps of SF City Hall.

A subsequent trial unraveled the reputations of both HUAC and J. Edgar Hoover's FBI. Gong proudly kept a copy of the HUAC hearing minutes, in which he was mentioned, on his coffee table for years as a badge of honor. Which never kept him from being a life-long friend whom Sutak recruited to the BSC Alumni Board in later years.

Sutak came from a far more conservative background. He was a criminology major, an NRA member, and proudly drove a Crown Vic cruiser that he had bought at a police surplus auction. All of which placed him in the minority — although not alone — among the 250 Barrington men. It is a tribute to his character and the respect with which he was both held, and gave others, that he was elected House President; and that Gong, I, and others with differing political views of the world remained life-long friends of his.

Like most of us, Tom needed a part-time paying job. Warren Jue remembers the evening Tom rushed into the Barrington dining room to share the news that he had a part time job as a security guard working the night shift at the docks in Alameda. "He was so excited; kept saying they were paying him \$2.00 an hour, which felt like a bonanza in the days of 23 cents a gallon gasoline."

The company, American Patrol Service, was a small firm providing temporary security to ships using the Port of Oakland. It turned out to be the only employer Tom would ever have. Tom became chief administrative officer and part-owner. When Tom and his partner were ready to retire, they sold the firm to Pinkerton Detectives.

On retirement Tom was an active BSC alum, raising funds and giving back. He soon began attending BSC Board meetings as the Alumni Rep and over the years became a respected advisor and consultant to both the Board, the Executive Director, and the Development Director. Tom saw in the BSC

the same community self-help organization and barn-raising neighborliness of the Southwest frontier days he so loved from his Colorado youth. He enjoyed being a resource to the students running the BSC, and watching them carry on the same lively debate and pragmatic decision-making he had enjoyed at Barrington Hall.

He was a significant donor to the BSC, and in recent years had been one of those willing to match the donations of others to the annual Spring Giving fund-raising drive.

Retirement gave him more time to pursue his life-long interest in Southwest history and geography as well; particularly the Mojave Desert and Death Valley. In addition to many scholarly articles in various journals, he wrote a book, *Into the Jaws of Hell*, about Jefferson Hunt, the Mormon pioneer/soldier/politician. The book took Tom ten years of painstaking research through libraries and deserts and barren regions looking for traces of skeletal remains. Life-long friend Jue says, "to me, the book symbolizes his commitment to an effort. Just as he did to one employer. As he did to one spouse. As he did to one Co-op."



Tom and Terri, his wife of 42 years, had recently relocated to Henderson, NV, to be closer to the Southwest areas he so loved. He also is survived by his son, Steven.

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IN MEMORIAM

ROCHELLE BROCK

____-2020



Rochelle, who lived in Hoyt Hall, became an internationally known scholar, lecturer and author in urban education of black & brown youth, multicultural education and black feminist theory.

BY KAY LYNN SCHREVE (Hoyt Hall, Northside 1991- 94)

I had the fortune of being roommates with Rochelle in the Berkeley Student Cooperative in 1991 after arriving to UC Berkeley from San Diego as re-entry students. Initially we were at Sherman Hall – but we quickly switched to Hoyt Hall as we thought that massive hill on Bancroft Way would surely kill us. I was 30 & Rochelle was 33. Going back to school; sharing a tiny room and closet! I thank the Co-ops for bringing us together for a lifetime of friendship.

She was the most diligent student – destined for great things. Cancer unfairly cut her career & life short this October.

Rochelle was always on campus delving deep, including assisting the late Professor June Jordan with her new class: Poetry for the People (P4P - 156AC) which is still being taught

today. She received her BS in Social Science from UCB graduating Summa Cum Laude in '93, then going on to receive her PhD in Curriculum & Instruction from Penn State in '99.

Rochelle became an internationally known scholar, lecturer and author in urban education of black & brown youth, Multicultural education and black feminist theory. She was the Executive Director of the Educational Leadership & Cultural Foundations at UNC-Greensboro as well as Executive Director of the Urban Teacher Education Program and faculty at Purdue University.

She was known as a tireless teacher, researcher, author and professor who generously opened herself and her home to her students and showed a commitment to mentoring future urban teachers beyond measure. Those who worked with her knew of her drive & intellect, her straight-forward way of speaking, her wonderful wry sense of humor, her style, her passion for social justice, and her warmth and wisdom.

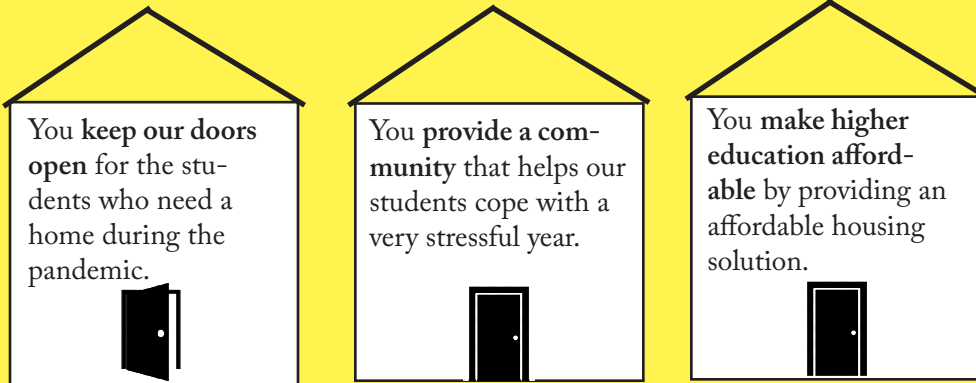
Rochelle wrote: “As a Black teacher I must teach my students to rebel, fight, learn, struggle, know, believe in themselves — and that belief will then afford a wholeness of spirit. This is the only way I was able to survive and come out able to find wholeness, having a sense of struggle and commitment as a Black person. This is the best way to allow the same for my students.”

The many layers of Rochelle will be deeply missed by many. A celebration in honor of Rochelle's life will take place this spring.

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