



Jerome H. Holland International Living Center (HILC)

Welcome!

To your Home Away From Home

What is HILC all about?

In 1970 the International Living Center opened its doors to Cornell students from all around the world. Renamed the Holland International Living Center in 1985 and now known mainly as HILC this dynamic community is a home away from home for more than 140 students. Jerome "Brud" Holland '39 & '41 was the US Ambassador to Sweden among many other accomplishments and had a strong commitment to international issues. HILC is part of his legacy.

International students and American students share rooms, stories, and their lives in HILC. You can walk down the hall and meet someone from the other side of the world. Undergraduate students of all class years (and the occasional graduate student) live here and help one another learn about Cornell, Ithaca, and the US.

HILC has committees you can join, events you can attend or help plan, and there is something happening almost every night of the week. There are so many opportunities to get involved at HILC that you may find it hard to find time to study, but don't worry this is also a great environment if you are looking to get away from the "typical" college experience. Study groups are common, surprise birthday parties are a welcome break, and HILCers welcome new faces.

We know you will come to love HILC as much as our current residents and much missed alumni have. Don't forget to check out Unit 4 to see what departing HILCers have had to say about their experience. Welcome & we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



Friday Afternoon Thing (FAT) Committee
Water balloon fight!

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Staff

Residence Hall Director (RHD)

The RHD is the full time professional staff member that manages day to day administration, long range planning, supervision of student staff, serves as a judicial hearing officer, and supports the HILC committees and events. This staff member generally has a Masters Degree in a field related to working with college students, such as student affairs or counseling. The RHD also lives in the building and is available for emergency response. Stop by the RHD office any time to chat, hang out, or get answers to your questions.

Resident Advisors (RAs)

RAs are Cornell students just like yourself. They provide on-call emergency coverage for the building, put together fun events for you to attend, and (in HILC) advise one of our many committees. RA doors are open for your questions or even just to talk.



HILC residents and friends attending Annual International Dinner



Friday Afternoon Thing (FAT) event Ginger Bread House Making



International Dinner

Staff Introductions

Unit 1 RA Frank Chu Jian Ma-

I'm from Alberta, Canada and I was born in Xuzhou, China. I'm a sophomore, pre-med in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences doing a double major in Applied Economics and Management and Biological Sciences. I am part of a few organizations on campus, like Alternative Breaks, Marching Band, and Project Hope. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask! I'm looking forward to meeting all of you!

Unit 2 RA Sharon Lau-

Sharon has lived in different parts of Hong Kong, Australia, California, and Singapore, none for more than five years at a time, and has never graduated from a school she started at (except, hopefully, Cornell with double majors in Economics and Government and minors in Int'l Relations, Inequality Studies, and Music). She loves cooking, eating (lots), talking to people, traveling the world, stomping in rain puddles, playing video games, making up new words, helping out wherever she can, dressing up, and being a pianist. She is also enormously excited to be at HILC and is always extremely happy to talk, so do come by Unit 2 and visit!

Unit 3 RA Samrawit Fikru-

I am from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I am studying Nutritional Science in the College of Human Ecology. In my free time, I love playing volleyball. I am also a huge LOST fan.

Unit 4 Reginald Severe-

My name is Reginald Severe (but please call me Regi) and I'll be the Unit 4 RA this year. I come from Port-Au-Prince Haiti (the little island next to Cuba) and I'm currently a Junior majoring in human biology.

I'm a huugggeee SOCCER fan, therefore you'll see me a lot, on Saturdays or Sundays, in front of the TV watching soccer games (if anyone is wondering: for fox sports go to channel 426)

I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone this year. We're going to have a lot of fun together. I'm also very interested in learning about different experiences and different perspectives so please feel free to speak your mind about topics that interest you.

So Welcome (or welcome back) to Cornell.

Committees (You Lead HILC)

In HILC you (the students) lead. We have many committees you can join and events you can help plan. We hope you will take advantage of all that HILC has to offer and give back to the community through our committees.

HILC Council– This group is the over arching student government body in HILC, consisting of a President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Country Night Coordinator, Language Night Coordinator, and representatives from the other committees, as well as any general members (HILC residents or Unit 5ers) that would like to attend. This group plans most of the major events in HILC and decides on funding requests from International student groups across the Cornell campus.

International Affairs Group (IAG)- this is a group of students that are interested in providing activities to the hall that center around international issues. Previous program topics have included Darfur, modern slavery, and the 2008 US elections.

Committees Cont.

Sports and Wellness– If you like to stay active and healthy then this is the committee for you. This group plans active programs including intramural teams for soccer, volleyball etc., known as the Llamas. Other events planned last year included Tai Chi instruction and a ski trip to Greek Peak.

Friday Afternoon Thing (FAT)- Need to relax after a long week? FAT plans fun and relaxing events every Friday afternoon. This can be anything including painting, card games, making stress balls, playing life sized RISK or Clue, or just fooling around in the snow. Have a knack for having fun? Join this committee and get others to relax a bit.

Publications– Were you on your school newspaper or yearbook? This committee is a great chance to keep those writing and design skills up. Publications puts out regular newsletters to inform residents of what is going on as well as prints stories about events that have already happened. They also put together a yearbook so that people won't forget all the fun they had in HILC. This committee also provides advertising support to the other committees for the events that they are planning.

Residence Committee– If you are interested in Marketing, introducing others HILC, the Cornell housing process, and making sure that everyone knows how to take care of our community then you should consider the Residence Committee. Students in this committee attend housing info sessions to talk about HILC, help the RHD with putting together marketing materials, and write newsletter articles about building issues (like keeping the winter cold out of your room). Residence Committee members also review HILC housing applications and assist in room selection for upperclassmen in the spring. (A little hint– the more involved you are in HILC the better your lottery number will be at HILC housing selection).

Fun Events & Yearly Traditions

HILC has many events that have been happening for years & we often hear from our alumni about their fond memories of events like International Dinner and Casino Night. Some of the events have happened every year since HILC opened. Most of our large events are planned and put on by residents instead of staff. Get involved and join the fun!

The Plunge– First major event in the fall includes a trip to Taughannock Falls State Park

Country Nights– Present about the country you are from or a country you are interested in. A different country is presented each Saturday night.

Language Nights– Learn to count and a few key phrases in another language. Presented by residents so share a language you know with others.

International Dinner– Residents cook dishes from around the world. Night includes performances and an auction raising money for charity.

New York City Trip– Staying in Ithaca for the American Thanksgiving Holiday? Take a one day trip to NYC and see a Broadway show .

Rhumba Casino– This year will be the 39th annual Casino night. Play card games and Rolette (no actual money involved). Raise money for charity and even win a prize yourself.

Coffee and Ice cream nights-every Monday through Thursday take a study break

Many, Many other events– there are too many to list & we welcome you to create your own traditions.

“ I have focused so much of my efforts toward national and international understanding and humanity, and this is a fulfillment of my life’s work. I am very honored and accept this recognition with deep appreciation and humility.”

*Jerome H ‘Brud’ Holland
1985 response to hall
being named in his honor.*



Rhumba Casino

Move-In Information

- *PREPARE (new international students) August 17th-20th*
- *Move in day for first year students August 21st 9am*
- *Move in day for everyone else August 22nd 9am*
- *Orientation week August 21st- 27th*
- *First day of class August 27th*
- *HILC Plunge August 29th*

What to bring

- Bedding
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Warm clothes for the Winter
- Cookware to use in the building kitchens

Any other items that will make you feel comfortable like your computer, room decorations, teddy bear.

What not to bring

- Pets– except for fish in a 10 gallon or smaller aquarium
- Alcohol if you are under 21 years of age (legal drinking age in the US).
- Octopus/Spider lamps (lamps with many arms).
- Extension cords
- Fabric wall hangings
- Water heaters without automatic shut off
- Microwaves
- Halogen lamps with bulbs over 150 watts
- Candles

Check the house rules for a complete list at:
<http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/resprog/prb-house-rules.cfm>

Out of House Membership (Unit 5er)

Don't live in HILC, but want to get involved in committees or come to the fun events you have read about here? You can become an Unit 5er, otherwise known as an out of house member.

Just email the RHD asking for an application. Return the completed application with the \$25 dollar activity fee and you will have access to everything HILC has to offer. Including card access to the building, in building ticket discounts to events, and first chance to sign up for building events.

This is a great deal!
You may eat more than \$25 dollars worth of ice cream alone!

Contact Information

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HILC Residents after an awesome water balloon fight!