



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first_name],

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout to welcome Wellesley College guests [Christine Cruzvergara](#) (Associate Provost & Executive Director, Career Education) and [Missy Siner Shea](#) '89 (Executive Director, Wellesley College Alumnae Association) for our WCLA/WCAA event [2018: Building Your Career for Success](#)! It's been great to hear very positive feedback from our Los Angeles attendees about the event and the uplifting experiences shared by our panelists [Kate Erickson](#) '05, [Rachel Nguyen](#) '90, [Dr. Sandra Salazar](#) '99 and [Chris Miller](#) '66 (Moderator). Special thanks to [Erika Spitzer](#) '06 for hosting the event in her home.

We hope to see even more engagement and excitement at upcoming events as well as participation in [The Hive](#). We feel very fortunate to be among over 1,000 Wellesley alumnae in Los Angeles and Orange County and look forward to greater connections!

Best wishes,
Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order.

MITCSC's First Ever Salsa Night!



Salsa lessons and dancing with Nicole Gil (Movers & Shakers Dance Company) for alumni from MIT, Inter-Ivy LA+, RPI, Wellesley and others downtown at the swanky Loft Art Gallery/Santa Fe Street Art & Design facility on St. Patrick's Night!

Dinner will be catered by Charo Chicken before the class and wine/beer will be provided.

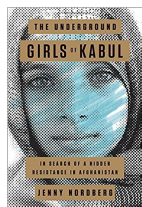
Dress in your most awesome salsa attire, with extra credit for green!

Date: Saturday, March 17th, 2018

Time: 7pm - 10pm
 Location: Loft Art Gallery/Santa Fe Street Art & Design
 3876 South Santa Fe Ave
 Vernon, CA 90058
 Free parking in adjacent lot
 Cost: \$25 (all inclusive)
 Primary Contact: [Jawaid Ismail](mailto:Jawaid.Ismail@wcla.org), 956-369-6533 (call/text)
 Click [here](#) to register

WCLA Book Club

The WCLA Book Club is open to all Wellesley alumnae and includes a wide range of ages. The Club meets one Sunday a month. We read a wide variety of genres and try to keep a good mix of fiction and nonfiction. Books and dates for each month are picked at the preceding month's meeting. Anyone who wants to be added to the book club distribution list is welcome to join!



Book for March: We picked a nonfiction title *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg, who covers the uncommon story of Afghani girls being raised as boys within families in the country that don't have sons. I've listened to the first few chapters on audiobook, and they were very compelling.

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore
[5905 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036](#)

Parking: Either in the LACMA garage (\$12) or street parking around LACMA at meters which on Sundays are typically free.

RSVP: [Ottavia Montingelli](#)

Wellesley-in-Pasadena Club and the Harvard Club of Southern California Annual Lunar New Year Celebration



Welcome the Year of the Dog at the annual dinner co-hosted by both clubs. The guest speaker will be [Jade Chang](#), author of *The Wangs vs. The World*, a comic debut novel about the Asian-American immigrant experience. [Lori Dreischmeier](#), Co-President of the Wellesley Club, will lead the interview and Q&A.

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Location: Golden Dragon Restaurant (Chinatown)
[960 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

[Event Registration](#) (registration deadline: 3/16/18)

Ticket Pricing (includes a 10-course Peking Duck dinner):

- Members: \$30
- Non-Members: \$35

Event contact: [Jeannie Park](#)

WIE Spring Break Social Hour

Come say hi to students interested in film, TV and media who visiting for spring break. We'll toast the college and our camaraderie.

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Location: Edendale (back patio)

[2838 Rowena Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039](#)

Event contact: [WIE](#)

Young Alum -- Monthly Lunch



Starting in April, there will be a recurring monthly lunch get-together for Young Alums at Tender Greens at the Westfield Century City.

Date: Saturday April 7 (recurring on the first Saturday of every month)

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Location: Tender Greens Century City

[10250 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90067](#)

Restaurant is located on the second floor in the terrace space, closest to the Century Park West entrance.

Parking: Century City Westfield Mall Parking

- 1st hour: COMPLIMENTARY
- Hours 1.5-5: \$1 every 30 minutes

Please contact [Rachel Thommen](#) if you have interest/questions.

Wellesley Club of Pasadena: Faculty Speaker Lois Wasserspring

Come hear [Lois Wasserspring](#), former Senior Lecturer Emerita in Policital Science, for her talk, *The Paradox of Mexico: Understanding Our Neighbor in the Age of Trump*.



Professor Wasserspring retired in 2016 after teaching for 36 years at Wellesley. Her focus is on comparative politics, focusing on Latin America. She founded the Latin American Studies at Wellesley and co-directed the program for over two decades. She also has an interest in Mexican folk art, especially by the women in rural Oaxaca, Mexico, who struggle economically despite receiving national and international fame as artisans.

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: San Marino Library

[1890 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108](#)

RSVPs: Please check the [Wellesley-in-Pasadena website](#) for event registration (due to be live by Friday, March 9).

Cost: Tickets are \$5 for members (Wellesley in Pasadena is extending member privilege to WCLA) and \$10 for non-members. Event is free for young alums, admitted students and lifetime members.

Event contact: [Judy Lee](#)

Welcome Tea for Admitted Students, Wellesley Class of '22



Please join us in welcoming newly-admitted students and answering any questions they and their parents may have about Wellesley. We'd love to see alums, particularly from more recent Classes, who can share on their student experiences, their diverse perspectives on the college, and the benefits of the vast Wellesley alumnae network with these potential future WCLA members!

Our WCLA tea is a great way for admitted students to have first-hand experience with Wellesley alumane since it's not easy for California students to attend [Spring Open Campus](#).

Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018

Time: 2pm

Location: Private home of Los Angeles alumnae; location provided upon rsvp.

RSVPs: Please check the [WCLA website](#) for event registration (due to be live by Friday, March 9).

Light refreshments will be served.

Please register for the event so that we can anticipate guest count; no cost.

For questions, please contact [Rebecca Nounou](#).

WIE Annual Meeting and Elections

Join us for a social hour followed by a quick update on the group, the College, and next year's agenda. We'll also vote in next year's steering committee.

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Location: TBD

Questions?: Contact [WIE](#)

Save-the-Date: WCLA Annual Board Meeting

The annual WCLA Board meeting will be held in June, date TBD. Because of board members completing their service terms, there will be open positions for Vice President, Secretary, Book Award Chair, Events/Programming and more. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 TBC

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Photo Album



Please check out our WCLA website to see a [photo album](#) from “[2018: Building Your Career for Success](#)”. Many thanks to our college guests Christine Cruzvergara and Missy Siner Shea who joined the panel discussion along with local alumnae Kate Erickson, Rachel Nguyen and Dr. Sandra Salazar and moderator Chris Miller. Special thanks for our host [Erika Spitzer '06](#) for welcome us in our home and for the over 55 Los Angeles-area alumnae who brought excitement to an uplifting event!

Get Involved

Join **The Hive** networking platform: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/>

Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE)

If you are working or want to work in film, TV, media, communications, or the arts, join the Wellesley In Entertainment group and attend informational panels, networking events, and screenings of alum work. Contact [Kate Erickson '05](#).

Wellesley Entrepreneurs' Group

If you are an entrepreneur, or interested in becoming one, and would like to join a monthly meeting of the Wellesley Entrepreneurs group for Southern California, please contact [Stephanie Sunwoo](#) or [Karen Jordan](#).

Wellesley Latina Network (WLAN) and Wellesley Club of Los Angeles

To get involved with WLAN and support Latina/Hispanic Admission/Recruitment, College Connection and Alumnae Community at Wellesley College and in the Alumnae Network,

please contact [Kathy Silva '16](#).

Please Support our Club

Student Admissions - Represent Wellesley at Career College Fairs

Miguel Contreras Learning Complex College and Career Fair

Audience: 700 rising juniors and seniors

Date + Time: April 12 at 8:30am-1pm

Location: [322 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90067](#)

Please contact [Rebecca Nounou](#) to volunteer.

Wellesley Book Award Program

The [Book Award Program](#) is an excellent bridge between Wellesley College and prospective students. This spring, WCLA nominated the Vivian Webb Schools in Claremont, CA to give the book award to a talented woman from the junior class.

We would like to give a warm thanks to those that gave to the Book Award Scholarship with funds that will be used towards future Book Award nominations.

Chris Miller '66

Noelle Miller '69

Liliana Monge '99

Nicola O'Shea Kerner '87

Deborah Voosen '66

To join in sponsoring future book awards by fundraising \$30 for a bright young student, please purchase the Book Award [here on the WCLA website](#).

WCLA Board Volunteers and Event Hosts

If you are interested in serving on the WCLA board (there will be open positions for Vice President, Secretary, Book Award Chair, Events/Programming and more) or in offering your home as a location for WCLA events such as the summer student send-off, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

WCLA Membership

If you live in the Los Angeles area, please consider becoming a member of WCLA or renewing your membership. Membership provides discounted event tickets, and of course, the chance to support your local Wellesley Club including valuable programs such as lectures with visiting Wellesley professors and faculty, alumnae career panels, recruitment in local high schools and college fairs, and the annual Book Awards.

Lifetime Membership: One-time cost of \$500

Annual Membership Dues:

- Recent Graduate (Class of '17): \$0
- Young Alumna (Classes of '13-'16): \$25
- Regular Membership: \$50

Annual memberships are valid for one year from the date of purchase. Recent Graduate and Young Alumna membership levels are updated at the end of each academic year. Dues can be paid [online](#). Please be sure to log in to the WCLA site first.

If there are issues with logging into the system, you can first try the reset app which can be found [here](#). If you need further technical help with your login, please use [this form](#).

You can also mail a check to Brenna Vredevelde, one of WCLA's Co-Treasurers. Contact her at [bvredevelde@gmail.com](mailto:bvredeveld@gmail.com) for the mailing address. Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as "membership dues".

Wellesley Banner

A friendly reminder that we have a Wellesley College banner that you can borrow for a special event. Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

Connecting

WCLA on Facebook

Stay up to date on events, share information with fellow alums and join our Facebook Community here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyClubLosAngeles>

Help for joining the WCLA Facebook Group:

1) First join the master Wellesley College Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/groupsatwellesley/>

If you are unable to join because it asks for a Wellesley email address, contact the Wellesley Help Desk to reset your password helpdesk@wellesley.edu or 781-283-3333.

2) Request to join the Wellesley in LA group at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyClubLosAngeles/>

Wellesley Hive: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/hub/the-hive/home>

Wellesley Club of Los Angeles: <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>

WCLA Board

Many thanks to Brittany Lamon-Paredes for her service as the Book Awards Chair and WLAN Representative; Brittany is relocating to Washington, DC in March. Congratulations on her new job at the Department of the Navy!

WLAN has elected Kathy Silva as the new representative to WCLA. Welcome Kathy!

Co-Presidents: Lori Dreischmeier & Erika Spitzer

Vice President: Leah Tran

Co-Treasurers: Brenna Vredevelde & Henrietta Wong

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR): Rebecca Nounou

Young Alumnea Representative: Rachel Thommen

Social Media Chair: Sophie Nitkin

Communications: Lian Jue & Alexandra Nagourney

Wellesley in Entertainment Rep: Michelle Lirtzman

Book Award Chair and WLAN Rep (outgoing): Brittany Lamon-Paredes

WLAN Representative (incoming): Kathy Silva

Every woman can—and should—make a meaningful contribution to her world. There is a growing recognition that women's empowerment and leadership are crucial to their own advancement, and to worldwide societal change. Wellesley and its alumnae have supported and championed women's intellectual and social development and autonomy for over 100 years.

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