



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



The Los Angeles Wellesley Club

invites you to a book event (non-sponsored)!

Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74 was awarded [a Wellesley Alumnae Achievement Award in 2017](#) and has been a three-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award!

She is visiting from Boston.

Book Debut with Kwan Kew Lai '74

on "Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience

with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak"

We hope you'll join us to learn about her volunteer experience in caring for patients for three months in Liberia and Sierra Leone during the greatest Ebola outbreak in history.

Monday, May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day)

7:30 - 9:00 pm

[Click Here to RSVP and purchase tickets](#)

Location

The Last Bookstore

453 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Pricing

\$15.95; ticket includes - and is the same price as - the book.
Event is hosted by The Last Bookstore.
The WCLA is not sponsoring the event but is supporting the opportunity
for LA Wellesley alumnae to hear Dr. Lai speak.

Driving Directions to the Last Bookstore in DTLA

The address is 453 South Spring Street, but the entrance is on 5th Street.
The store is on the corner of Spring and 5th Street, which are both one-way streets.
Click [here](#) for specifics about how to visit.

Parking

Street parking is free after 6pm or 7pm (depending on the street)
and on Sundays and, presumably, holidays. To avoid towing, please check signs.
Pay parking lots can be found at the corner of 4th & Spring or
on the right side of Spring just before and after 5th Street and the store.
The cost is \$6-\$15 depending on the day and time.
The bookstore does not validate (sorry!)

Questions

Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

About the book:

In 2014, after fighting through yards of bureaucratic red tape, leaving her family, and putting her own health at risk in order to help suffering strangers, Kwan Kew Lai finally arrived in Africa to volunteer as an infectious disease specialist in the heart of the largest Ebola outbreak in history. What she found was not only blistering heat, inhospitable working conditions, and deadly, unrelenting illness, but hope, resilience, and incredible courage.

Lest We Forget chronicles the harrowing and inspiring time spent serving on the front lines of the ongoing Ebola outbreak—the complicated Personal Protective Equipment, the chlorine-scented air, the tropical heat, and the heartbreaking difficulties of treating patients she could not touch. Dr. Lai interweaves original diary entries to create a gripping narrative about life, death, and human relationships that will leave no reader unmoved.

Lest We Forget exposes the raw brutality of Ebola, as well as the chaotic nature of the undersupplied and understaffed health infrastructure in the developing world. At once a memoir of triumphs and failures and a memorial, this book will ensure that the victims of Ebola and the fighters who sought to heal them will not be forgotten.

About the speaker:

Kwan Kew Lai '74 is an infectious disease specialist. More than a decade ago, after first volunteering in the aftermath of the South Asian tsunami, she left her position as a full-time professor of medicine and now divides her time between practicing clinical medicine and aiding with disaster relief in various parts of the world. Seeing the horrific effects of the Ebola outbreak on the people of West Africa, she felt a moral obligation to be both a participant and witness of the efforts to stamp out this epidemic. Recently, she volunteered in Greece in refugee camps from Syria, Afghanistan, Iran and the Sub-Saharan Africa and in the biggest refugee camp in the world for the Rohingya in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

About The Last Bookstore:

The Last Bookstore is California's largest used and new book and record store. It was founded in 2005 by Josh Spencer and began in a downtown Los Angeles loft. They moved to their third and current incarnation in the Spring Arts Tower in 2011. The store is 22,000 square feet and is a former bank with books on two levels, including the former vault. *Vox* reported that the store creates visual merchandising through creative displays, which attracts Instagram users, "in the hope of trying to convert Instagram visitors into book purchasers."

<http://lastbookstorela.com/>

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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