

Dear [first_name],

The thoughts of the WCLA board are with our community during this difficult time of loss and heartbreak from the wildfires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and the shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill. As a community of Wellesley alumnae, we want to do all we can to support one another. If you are aware of anyone who needs help, please don't hesitate to reach out to WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu as well as post on our [Facebook page](#).

When we emerge from this time of grief and loss we will have opportunity to gather together in peace, safety, and hope. We look forward to seeing and supporting you at our annual WCLA Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8th. Please click [here](#) to register.

Many thanks to the over 50 alumnae who joined the Sed Ministrare event honoring **Erika Spitzer '06**, former WCLA President, on November 3rd with special thanks to our host **Lawry Meister '83**, Wellesley College Trustee and our Wellesley College guests **Missy Siner Shea '89**, Executive Director, Wellesley College Alumnae Association and **Ann Velenchik**, Associate Professor of Economics and Dean of Academic Affairs! It was a superb event; please check out the photo album.

On another note, our Alumnae Admissions Reps need **volunteers to interview applying students**, particularly those who are applying Early Decision. Registering is easy and interviews can be conducted over Skype or locally. Register [here](#). For more information, contact [Mei Ling E. Messner '17](#) (AAR, LA) or [Rachel Newman '08](#) (AAR, OC).

If you have any suggestions or questions for our club, please contact

WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

Stay safe and encourage one another. We hope to see you at a WCLA event soon!

Best wishes,

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

Wellesley in Entertainment Career Breakthrough Event



Do you feel like your career needs a jumpstart? Need help accomplishing a goal? Do you have a challenging New Year's Career Resolution for 2019? Let us help you brainstorm how to meet it!

Date: Saturday, December 1st, 2018

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Home of Kate Erickson; Echo Park address

provided upon purchase of ticket.

Cost: \$10

For more information and to purchase a ticket click [here](#).

Wellesley-in-Pasadena: Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange



Save the date!

Date: Sunday, December 2, 2018

Time: 2:00-5:00pm TBC

Location: Pasadena location TBD

Event page: click [here](#)

More details to come. Please contact

WCPasadena@alum.wellesley.edu if you have questions.

Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party



Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: The Wellesbourne 10929 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Parking: First 3 hours across the street at the Landmark Movie Theatre or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.

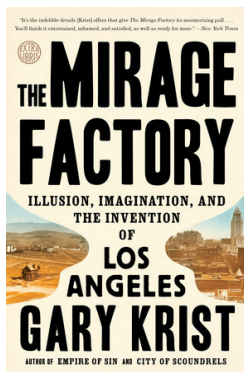
Attire: Holiday!

Register: Get tickets at the event page [here](#)! Please contact

WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have any questions.

WCLA Book Club - December

Book for December: "The Mirage Factory" by Gary Krist



Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Event and contact details: click [here](#)

Wellesley Club of Santa Barbara Holiday Reception



Hosted by Anne Byerly and Victoria Wall

Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Home of Victoria Wall, 698 El Rancho Road, Montecito, CA

Event and contact details: click [here](#).

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group - January



Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New job! New life challenge!

Date: Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Time: 4:30-6:00pm

Location: 350 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Event and contact details: click [here](#)

Questions? Contact [Julie Hogenboom](#)

Wellesley-in-Pasadena: Faculty Speaker - Sara Wasserman Save-the-Date



Date: March 3, 2019

Time: TBD

Location: Pasadena location TBD

Register: Please get tickets at the event page [here](#).

Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have questions

Photo Album

These are just a few of the photos from the Sed Ministrare Award Presentation event!



Thanks for coming out to WAPA's Night at the Theatre! What a powerful and inspiring performance!



The WAPA urban hike through Hollywoodland was a blast! Thanks for coming out!



Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our [photo albums](#).

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 Latina Network (WLAN)

To get involved with WLAN and support Latina and Hispanic Admission/Recruitment, College Connection and Alumnae Community at Wellesley and in the Alumnae Network, please contact [Kathy Silva '16](#).

Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD)

To get involved with WAAD, please contact [Jackie Olivier '82](#).

Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance (WAPA)

To get involved with WAPA, contact Malique Carr '05 at WCLA.WAPA@gmail.com.

Wellesley Friends of Art

To get involved or learn more, please contact [Friends of Art](#).

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 '97](#) or [Karen Jordan '91](#). Facebook: [Wellesley Entrepreneurs of Los Angeles](#)

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group

Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New Job! New life challenge! A small group from the '80's classes have been gathering every two months at a Beverly Hills wine bar to catch up and share ideas about new directions--planned and unplanned. Many of us want or need to try something new, and we're figuring it out together! If you are interested in joining, please contact [Julie Hogenboom '87](#).

Please Support our Club

Student Admissions - Represent Wellesley at Career College Fairs and/or participate in prospective student interviews.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Please contact admission@wellesley.edu to volunteer.

Wellesley Book Award Program

We are so excited to kick off the Book Award program for the 2018-2019 academic year. WCLA actively participates in the [Wellesley College Book Award program](#) honoring young women who have been top scholars in high school as well as talented performers in extracurricular areas. The program recognizes students--many of whom may not have otherwise known about Wellesley--for their academic leadership and personal contributions to their schools and communities. In the 2017-2018 academic year, we honored seven (7) high school juniors chosen for their intelligence, determination, motivation, and achievement. Our goal is to double or triple the number of books this school year. This week we reached out to 33 high schools in the greater Los Angeles and Orange County areas. If you know of a high school that would benefit from participating please send a note to WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Also, please let us know if you have a contact at any of the schools listed below.

Alliance Gertz-Ressler High School

Eagle Rock High School

John Marshall High School

La Salle High School

New Roads School

Orange Lutheran High School

Segerstrom High School

If you would like to sponsor a book, you can donate [online here](#) or email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Each book costs \$30; please feel free to contribute what feels right for you.

WCLA Board Volunteers and Event Hosts

If you are interested in serving on the WCLA board or in offering your home as a location for WCLA events, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Click [here](#) for more information on board positions.

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). Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as "membership dues".

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/>

Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles: [Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles](#)

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