



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first_name],

Please check out upcoming events in our newsletter below (and on our [WCLA website](#))!

We'd love to see you, particularly alums from more recent classes, at our welcome tea for students accepted to Wellesley's Class of 2023! The event is this Sunday, April 14 at 3-5pm in Silver Lake; please register by clicking [here](#).

Also, we're thrilled that 13 local high schools are honoring top women students with a [Wellesley College Book Award](#). We need alumnae presenters at these schools: Arcadia High School, Central City High School (Value School), La Salle High School, Palos Verdes High School, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, and St. Monica Academy in Pasadena. If interested, please contact [Alex Nagourney](#), our Book Award Chair.

Also, please register to join us on May 19 to hear [Karen Jordan: Career Conversation on Entrepreneurship](#)!

Thanks to our alumnae volunteers who participated in the [Day to Make A Difference at the LA Regional Food Bank](#): Nisha Donley, Lori Dreischmeier, Nicole Gebriel, Ashley Hills, Sessen Mengist, Sarah Moughty, Emily Peters, Connie Su, Jocelyn Williams, and Evelyn Wu! We will be holding another D2MAD event in September.

Please send us suggestions of speakers you'd like to hear or topics for club events. As always, please reach out with any suggestions and let us know if you are interested in volunteering or participating on the WCLA Board: WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

- **April 14: Welcome Tea for Admitted Students, Wellesley Class of '23**
- April 14: WCLA Book Club - *Notes on a Foreign Country: An American Abroad in a Post-American World* by Suzy Hansen
- May 4: Young Alum May Brunch
- May 4: WIE - Seven Sisters in Entertainment and Media Speed Networking Event
- **May 19: WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group "Career Conversation"**
- May 19: WCLA Book Club - *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin
- May 27: Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74 discusses her book debut *Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak*

STAY CONNECTED

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>
- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:**
WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu
- Wellesley Hive: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/hub/the-hive/home>
- **WCLA on Facebook**
 - **Wellesley Alumnae of Los Angeles:** Stay up to date on events, share information with fellow alums and join our Facebook Community here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyClubLosAngeles/>
 - **Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles:**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/102080626551375/?t=60722-304008>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Awards

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. We are thrilled to announce that young women from 13 schools will be receiving the Wellesley College Book Award this year!

Some schools welcome alumnae in the area to present the award to the deserving recipient. [If you are interested in granting a Book Award at a high school's Award Ceremony, please contact Alex Nagourney directly at alexandra.nagourney@gmail.com](#)

1. Arcadia High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Thursday, May 30 at 5pm](#)
2. Beverly Hills High School
3. Brentwood School
4. Central City High School (Value School) - [Alumnae presenter needed any Wednesday at 9am](#)

5. University Prep High School (Value School)
6. The Webb Schools of California
7. La Salle High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Tuesday, May 21, 9:15am to 11:00am](#)
8. Palos Verdes High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Thursday, April 25, 11:30am to 1:30pm](#)
9. Palos Verdes Peninsula High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30pm](#)
10. South Pasadena High School
11. St. Margaret's Episcopal School
12. St. Monica Academy - [Alumnae presenter needed on May 28 at 8:15am](#)
13. Downtown Magnets High School

Welcome Tea for Admitted Students, Wellesley Class of '23



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 their student experiences, 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 alumnae since it's not easy for California students to attend [Spring Open Campus](#).

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Private home of alumna in Silver Lake; address provided upon RSVP.

RSVPs: Please register [here](#) so that we can plan for the guest count.

Cost: Event is free for our guests: Wellesley first-year students and their parents, young alums, and Wellesley Club members. For all others, registration cost is \$5.

Details: Light refreshments will be served

For questions, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

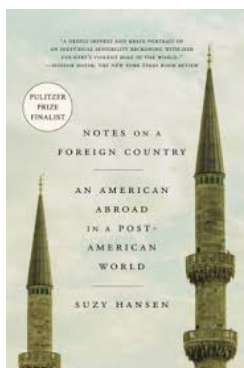
WCLA Book Club - April

Book for April: [*Notes on a Foreign Country: An American abroad in a Post-American World*](#) by Suzy Hansen

Date: Sunday April 14, 2019

Time: 1- 3pm

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



For event and parking details [click here](#)
 Questions?: Email wclabookclub@gmail.com

Young Alum May Brunch



Join Nicole and Rachel for brunch at Lola's Mexican Cuisine in Long Beach. Please RSVP so we can make a reservation.

Date: Saturday May 4, 2019

Time: 11am- 1pm

Location: 4140 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

Menu: [Lola's brunch menu](#)

RSVP: Email Rachel at rthommen@wellesley.edu

Pricing: No host bar and brunch (pay your own meal)

WIE - Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking



Are you looking to expand your professional circles? Do you struggle to introduce yourself at standard networking events? Amid the cries for more women in film and TV, do you wonder where your Seven Sisters are? Come find out! Bring business cards, resumes, or a pad of paper to swap notes, ideas, and

contact info with other Seven Sisters alums working all across the film/TV/media spectrum. Business professionals and creatives are both welcome. There is a 65 person cap to this event so buy your tickets [here](#) soon!

Date: Saturday May 4, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Film Independent, 5670 Wilshire Blvd. 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Tickets: \$10. Purchase tickets at the event page [here](#). One ticket per Seven Sisters alum, no guests. Ticket sales will be closed once we reach the 65 person capacity.

Questions?: email wellesleyinentertainment@gmail.com

Career Conversation with Karen Jordan on Entrepreneurship! Hosted by the WCLA Career Transitions Group

Karen Jordan '91 shares her experience about being an entrepreneur and writer! She is a journalist at the CoStar Group, author of TheStoryoftheDoctor.com and founder of a skincare line called EmmGerri!



Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Village Workspace in the Westside Towers at 11845 West Olympic Boulevard, #1100W, Los Angeles, CA 90064

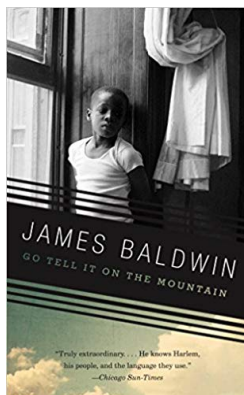
Parking: Free parking on Olympic Blvd (not metered on Sundays) and side streets (unmetered); 2 hours free parking across the street at Bed Bath and Beyond; parking in the

Westside Towers is \$2.55/15 minutes with maximum daily at \$17.85

Questions? Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Price: Event is free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests. Advance RSVP is required. *If the cost of a non-member ticket causes undue financial burden, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu and we'll find a solution that supports your attending.*

WCLA Book Club - May



Book for May: Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin

Date: Sunday May 19, 2019

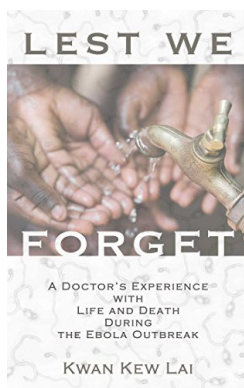
Time: 1- 3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA (between the bookstore and the LACMA Cafe) [5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036](https://www.lacma.org/5905-Wilshire-Blvd)

For event and parking details [click here](#)

Questions?: Email wclabookclub@gmail.com

Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74 discusses her book debut



Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak

Kwan Kew Lai will share with us about her time volunteering during the greatest Ebola outbreak in history when she spent three months caring for Ebola patients in Liberia and Sierra Leone

Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day)

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Last Bookstore, 453 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Price: \$15.95; tickets must be purchased via Eventbrite

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Click [here](#) for details and to register

Photo Album



Day to Make a Difference at the LA Regional Food Bank on April 6, 2019

Thanks to our Volunteers: Nisha Donley, Lori Dreischmeier, Nicole Gebriel, Ashley Hills, Sessen Mengist, Sarah Moughty, Emily Peters, Connie Su, Jocelyn Williams, and Evelyn Wu!!

The Tom of Finland event saw alums from '17, '13, '09', and '05! Thanks to everyone who attended!



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 WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

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.

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".

WCLA Board

Please welcome our newest board member, Nicole Gebriel '12, Young Alumnae Co-Representative

President: Lori Dreischmeier '86

Vice President and Holiday Party Chair: Erin Copenbarger '95

VP, Operations/Website and Co-Treasurer: Brenna Vredevelde '05

Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong '08

Secretary: Alexandra Hatem '12

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), LA: Mei Ling Messner '17

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), OC: Rachel Newman '08

Book Award Chair: Alexandra Nagourney '13

Young Alumnae Co-Representative: Rachel Thommen '17

Young Alumnae Co-Representative: Nicole Gebriel '12

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Day to Make a Difference/Community Service Chair: Charlotte Kiang '13

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Membership Co-Chair: Jean Futami '83

Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE) Representative: Kate Erickson '05

WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier '82

WAPA Representative: Malique Carr '05

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo '97

WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli '06

Wellesley Friends of Art Representative: Melissa King '92

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