



## Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first\_name],

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

Admissions news! Wellesley College has accepted 38 students from Los Angeles, 15 students from Orange County, and 19 students from Pasadena! Many thanks to our AARs and interview volunteers! There are two welcome events for admitted students. In particular, we hope young alums will come out to meet the Class of 2023!

[Wellesley-in-Pasadena: Anne Kennedy's home in Pasadena on Sunday, March 31.](#)

[WCLA: Alex Nagourney's home in Silver Lake on Sunday, April 14.](#)

Please join us for a [Day to Make a Difference](#) at the LA Regional Food Bank on Saturday, April 6 from 9am-12 noon.

Save the date of May 19 to hear [Karen Jordan: Career Conversation on Entrepreneurship!](#)

We'd love to hear from you with suggestions for speakers or other club topics. Also, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering or participating on the WCLA Board: [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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*

- March 31: Wellesley-in-Pasadena - Admitted Students Event
- April 4: Penn Club of LA - *Fireside Chat on Machine Learning*
- April 5: Wellesley-in-Pasadena - *An Evening with Tina Payne Bryson, PhD - Learn how to achieve "No Drama Discipline"*

- **April 6: Day to Make a Difference at the LA Regional Food Bank**
- **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: 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](mailto: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

We are thrilled to announce that 11 schools will be participating in the Book Award this year! 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](mailto:alexandra.nagourney@gmail.com)

1. Arcadia High School
2. Beverly Hills High School
3. Brentwood School
4. Central City High School (Value School)
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. St. Margaret's Episcopal School

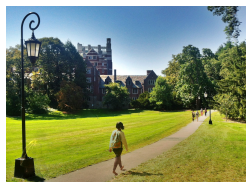
10. St. Monica Academy

11. Downtown Magnets High School

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.

If you know of a high school that would benefit from participating, please send a note to [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu). If you would like to sponsor a book, you can donate [online here](#) or email [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu). Each book costs \$30; please feel free to contribute what feels right for you.

### **Admitted Students Event - Wellesley-in-Pasadena**



Southern California has two events to welcome students accepted to the class of 2023. There is one in Pasadena on March 31 and another in Silver Lake on April 14. In particular, we encourage young alums to come out and share their experience at Wellesley.

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: The home of Anne Kennedy '66 in Pasadena

Price: Free!

Questions: Please contact [lmosermsw@gmail.com](mailto:lmosermsw@gmail.com)

### **Fireside Chat on Machine Learning - Penn Club of LA**



The Penn Club of LA has invited the Ivy Plus community to join them for a [fireside chat on machine learning](#) and its role on the internet with Wharton School [Professor Kartik Hosanagar](#). The topic of discussion will focus on how algorithms are shaping our

lives and how we can stay in control. Professor Hosanagar has been recognized as one of the world's top 40 business professors under 40 and is launching his new book this month.

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zefr: 4104 Redwood Ave.

Cost: Tickets are \$25 and light food and refreshments will be provided

Check out the event [here](#).

### An Evening with Tina Payne Bryson, PhD



Learn how to achieve No Drama Discipline by working with your child's developing mind to peacefully resolve conflicts, inspire happiness, and strengthen resilience for everyone in the family.

See our [event page](#) for more info.

Date: Friday, April 5, 2019

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Pacific Oaks College, 45 Eureka St., Pasadena, CA 91103

Parking: On site

Cost: This event is free to the Wellesley and Harvard communities

RSVP: Please RSVP at the eventbrite page [here](#).

### WCLA Day to Make a Difference - LA Regional Food Bank



Join us at the LA Regional Food bank for Day to Make a Difference. Help us sort, inspect, and repackage donated food items from local food drives before they are distributed to those in need. More info and signup at the [event page here](#).

Date: April 6, 2019

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: LA Regional Food Bank 1734 E. 41st Street Los Angeles, CA 90058

RSVP: Please RSVP at the event page [here](#).

Questions? Contact [Charlotte Kiang '13](#)

### 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.

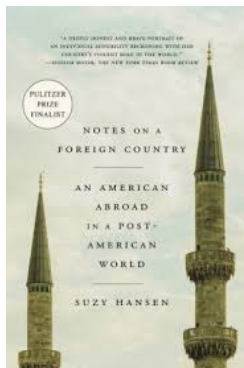
Cost: Event is free for our guests: Wellesley first-year students and their parents, young alums, and Wellesley Club members. For all others, registration cost is \$5.

Details: Light refreshments will be served

For questions, please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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](mailto:wclabookclub@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:wellesleyinentertainment@gmail.com)

## WCLA Career Transitions Group



Career Conversation with Karen Jordan on Entrepreneurship! Karen Jordan '91 shares her experience about being an entrepreneur and writer! She is a journalist at the CoStar Group, author of [TheStoryoftheDoctor.com](http://TheStoryoftheDoctor.com) and founder of a skincare line called EmmGerri!

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019

Time: 3-5pm

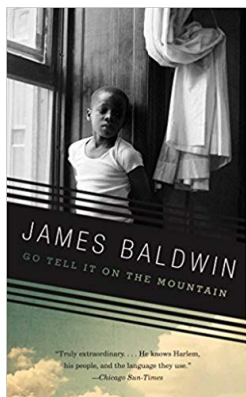
Location: Village Workspace in the Westside Towers at 11845 West Olympic Boulevard, #1100W, Los Angeles, CA 90064

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](mailto: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

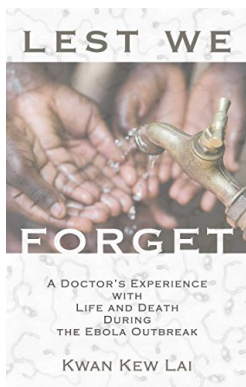
Time: 1- 3pm

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

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

Questions?: Email [wclabookclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

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

## Photo Album

**Wellesley Friends of Art recently joined the Cambridge Alumni of LA for a docent tour of the Outliers and American Vanguard Art exhibit at LACMA**



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





**Thanks for coming out and laughing with us at WAPA's recent night at improv!**



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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Vredeveld '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

Newsletter Editor: Beth Schaaf '11

Website Editor: Anneliese Klein '15

Communications Editor: Lisa Valera '12

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Social Media: Mai Perches '10

Website/Tech Manager: Sessen Mengist '15

Programming Chair/Faculty Speaker Chair: Ilene Tsui '10

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

Membership Co-Chair: Natalie Catalan '18

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

Past President: Erika Spitzer '06

Board Observer: Lian Jue '98

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