

# wellesleyweek



## asian-american month celebrates culture and connection

A celebration of all things Asian begins with a local culinary star and closes with the Pan-Asian Cultural Show on March 30. Asian Awareness Month, an annual event at Wellesley, takes place Feb. 28-March 30.

Celebrity chef and restaurateur Ming Tsai, at right, of the Blue Ginger restaurant and WGBH's "Simply Ming" TV show will talk about his career path and demonstrate a few simple meals with his signature "east meets west" flair Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 4:30 pm in Tishman Commons.



Other events include panels, films, art exhibits and lectures. "It's a goal for this year's committee to bring about more awareness of the issues local residents face and to encourage students to connect themselves to the diverse groups in the area," said Karen Shih, advisor to students of Asian descent. Among the offerings are:

- Race relations panel, March 1 at 5:30 pm, Pendleton Atrium. Local scholars and community leaders will speak about

issues faced by Asian/Asian American communities with particular attention to race relations. Panelists will discuss opportunities for Wellesley students to get involved.

- *Divided We Fall* documentary film, March 4 at 4 pm, Collins Cinema; second screening and discussion, March 7, 5:30 pm, Library Lecture Room. Filmmaker Valarie Kaur asks, who counts as "American" in a post-9/11 world?

- *Breaking the Heterotype* screening and discussion, March 11, 4:30 pm, Library Lecture Room with filmmaker Jin Yoo '04.

- Brian Gothang Tan art exhibit. Opening gallery talks, March 13, 6 pm. Jewett Art Gallery. The exhibit focuses on Asian-American identity.

- Neal Katyal lecture, March 27, 4:30 pm, Pendleton Atrium. Katyal is a Georgetown law professor and lead lawyer in the case against the U.S. government on behalf of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

- Pan-Asian Cultural Show, March 30, 7 pm, Jewett Auditorium. A performance of singing, dancing, skits, music and much more. For more information, call x2959.

## new grant offers research opportunities to students

The Merck Institute for Science Education and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) have selected Wellesley College to receive funding under the Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program. The award of \$60,000, paid over three years, will be used by the biology and chemistry departments to fund collaborative research projects among Wellesley students and professors.

The biology and chemistry departments will review applications to select four students as Merck/AAAS Fellows, whose research will be funded over the next three summers. During 10-week laboratory research sessions, the students will be mentored by biology and chemistry professors collaborating on interdisciplinary research. Students may participate in research projects such as "Examination of a Mouse Model of Rett Syndrome," "Regulation

of Adult Neurogenesis," and "Use of Algae to Remediate Heavy Metal Contaminated Water."

"Enabling our students to undertake cutting-edge interdisciplinary research is critical in attracting and retaining outstanding students in the sciences, in ensuring the quality and excitement of laboratory science and in preparing our students for what they will find in their careers," said President Diana Chapman Walsh.



The award is one of up to 15 given annually by Merck/AAAS to qualified institutions. The program aims to "enhance undergraduate education through research experiences that emphasize the relationship between chemistry and biology" and to "encourage students to pursue graduate education in chemistry and life sciences."

## we've got the blues

The Blue Notes Spring Teaser will be held Friday, March 2, at 7:30 pm in Anderson Forum, Wang Center, featuring the Williams College Octet. "It will showcase a few selections from our repertoire and be the first big on-campus debut of our new Notes, Marjahn Golban '10 and Allison Broadwater '09," said Sandy Chen '08, president.

The Blue Notes will host one of the New England quarterfinals of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella March 10. Competitors include the Wellesley Widows and Wellesley Tupelos and four other groups. Tickets are \$5 with Wellesley/MIT I.D., \$10 for non-Wellesley/MIT, and \$15 general admission. "Basically six a cappella shows in one night, this is an event no a cappella fan would want to miss," said Chen.

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## news

### learn about transnational worlds, politics and media

Put your winter doldrums aside with two thought-provoking lectures to choose between on Monday, Feb. 26, at 4:30 pm. In Pendleton East 339, the Sociology Department will present a talk by Vivian Louie, assistant professor at Harvard, on “Growing Up in Transnational Worlds: Identities Among Second-Generation Chinese and Dominicans.”



“Transnationalism refers to the phenomenon of immigrants maintaining connections to their country of origin, and employing a dual frame of reference to evaluate their experiences and outcomes in the country in which they have settled,” explains Louie. “In this presentation, I examine this question among second-generation Dominicans and Chinese who have grown up in strong transnational fields and had parents who want them to participate in the homeland imaginary. The focus is on transnational orientations and/or practices among second generation in-

dividuals with particular attention to generational status, class, ethnicity, gender and race.”

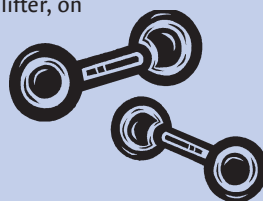
The Anthropology Department will present Lori Allen of the Harvard Academy for Area and International Studies in Pendleton East 127. Allen’s topic is “Martyr Bodies in the Media: Human Rights and the Politics of Immediation in the Palestinian Intifada.” She will address the the growth of the human rights regime in the Palestinian-occupied territories and the spread of visual media, which have had an extreme effect on Palestinian politics and society.

“The increased importance of human rights in political discourse has transformed the way Palestinians represent themselves to each other and to the international community, in particular, by reducing political argument to appeals for sympathy,” she said. Allen will talk about why seeing people in acute distress can become a part of political projects. For more information, call x2138.

### learn healthy living from the experts

Healthy living is the topic of a workshop Sunday, March 4, from noon to 4 pm at Wellesley College. Newton-Wellesley Hospital is partnering with the college to present “Healthy Women...Sport it All,” which is free and open to women of all ages. The event will explore health, fitness and wellness issues. Lectures and panel discussions will be held from noon-1 pm in Collins Cinema, followed by a series of 30-minute “movement labs” in Keohane Sports Center. Participants will take part in core, flexibility, body weight and balance training. “Our goal is to provide state-of-the-art information for active and athletic women to enable them to safely develop and maintain fitness and function throughout life, and prevent injury,” said Dr. Joanne Borg-Stein, chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and Wellesley College team physician.

The event will be moderated by WBZ-TV reporter Alice Cook. In addition to Borg-Stein, speakers include Ellyn Robinson, exercise physiology and strength conditioning, Bridgewater State College, a master champion weight lifter, on weight training for women, and Mary Wilfert, National Collegiate Athletic Association associate director, on three interrelated health problems seen in women athletes. To reserve your space, call 617-243-5900 or register online at [www.nwh.org/classes](http://www.nwh.org/classes).



## colleagues

### in the news

[jingheng ma](#), East Asian languages and literatures, has received a life achievement award at the 44th annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages—Chinese Language Teachers Association (CLTA). The CLTA noted that Ma has been a prolific contributor to the field, teaching all aspects of Chinese language, developing teaching materials (both texts and computer-assisted materials), producing research in pedagogy and linguistics and training teachers. She also has served two terms on the CLTA board of directors.

[salem mekuria](#), art, has presented a multisensory film and music experience at the Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville, Fla. Mekuria created “IMAGinING TOBIA (2006)” to mark Ethiopia’s third millennium this coming September. The triptych video installation is on display at the museum through May 6 in conjunction with the museum’s Ethiopian exhibitions. Mekuria explores her native land using the camera, contrasting images of the lush southern landscape with the rugged, starkly beautiful north.

[elena tajima-creef](#), women’s studies, offered a multi-media presentation, “Barbed Wire Beauty: Freeze-Framing Domesticity & Gender Politics in the War Relocation Authority; Photographs of the Internment Camps,” at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. The event marks a reflection on the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Tajima-Creef is the author of *Imaging Japanese America: The Visual Construction of Citizenship, Nation and the Body* (NYU Press, 2004), a contribution to the critique of historical visual representations at moments of social crisis. She is working on two books, *Visual Legacies of Representations of Asian Women in America* and *Notes of a Fragmented Daughter/Memories of a War-Bride Mother*.

# calendar

## monday february 26

order deadline. "Daffodil Days." Benefits American Cancer Society. Sponsor: CWS. Info: x3789.

cws deadline. Elisabeth Luce Moore '24 Wellesley-Yenching Program. Info: x2352.

german table. 12:30-1:30 pm, Tower Court private dining hall. Info: x1239.

lecture. "Growing Up in Transnational Worlds: Identities Among Second-Generation Chinese and Dominicans." Speaker: Vivian Louie, education, Harvard. 4:30-6 pm, PNE 339. (See story, page 2.) Sponsor: Sociology. Info: x2137.

lecture. "Martyr Bodies in the Media: Human Rights and the Politics of Immediation in the Palestinian Intifada." Speaker: Lori Allen, Harvard Academy. 4:30-6:30 pm, PNE 127. (See story, page 2.) Sponsor: Anthropology. Info: x2137.

service. Jumah. 5 pm, Muslim prayer room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

meeting. College Government Senate. 6 pm, Academic Council Room, 4th floor, GRH.

esl tutoring. 6-8:15 pm. Sign up in PLTC small conference room. Info: x2480.

meeting. "A Celebration of Women's Achievements in Entrepreneurship." 6:30 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Info: fpatters@wellesley.edu.

## tuesday february 27

japanese table. 12:30 pm, Tower Court private dining hall. Info: x7685.

meeting. "Meditation." 12:30-1 pm, meditation room, lower chapel. Sponsor: Buddhist Community. Info: x2793.

info table. "CET Programs Abroad." 1:30-4 pm, Wang Center, entrance level. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x3532.

lecture. "Major Depressive Disorder: A Chronic and Recurrent Serious Mental Illness with Gaps in Knowledge and Practice." Speaker: Andrew Nierenberg, Harvard Medical School. 5:30 pm, SCI 277. Sponsor: Neuroscience. Info: x3154.

## wednesday february 28

lecture/recital. "Jesting Through Musical Gestures: The Irrepressible Wit of Beethoven, Hadyn and Mozart." Triple Helix Piano Trio. 12:30-2:15 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Info: x2028.

spanish table. 12:30 pm, Tower Court private dining hall. Info: x3571.

chinese table. 12:30 pm, Stone-Davis living room. Info: x7685.

russian table. 12:30 pm, FND 417. Info: x3549.

cws info session. "Fordham Business Gradu-

ate School/Admissions." 12:30 pm, PNE 239. Info: x2352.

info meeting. "Education Students and Study Abroad." 12:30-1:30 pm, PNE 151. Sponsor: International Study. Includes lunch. Info: x3532.

lecture/demonstration. Speaker: Ming Tsai, chef, Blue Ginger. 4:30-6:30 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Sponsor: Multicultural Programs. (See story, page 1.) Info: x2959.

gathering. Unitarian Universalist worship circle. 6 pm, Little Chapel. Info: x3484.

celebration. "Davis After Dark: Let It Go." Speaker: Adriane Herman, visiting artist. 6:30-8:30 pm, Davis Museum. Info: x2656.

## thursday march 1

chai week event. Celebrating Jewish life on campus. "Chai Tea." Noon-2 pm, 4th floor, Wang Center. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

french table. 12:30 pm, Bates private dining hall. Info: x2415.

wcw lecture. "What Are You, Anyway?: Getting at Racial and Ethnic Identity in Adolescents of Mixed Ancestry." Speaker: Allison Tracy, research scientist, WCW. 12:30-1:30 pm, Cheever House. Info: x2500.

meeting. "Meditation." (See 2/27 listing.)

chai week event. "The Language of Torah." Speaker: Neil Yerman, sofer. 4:30 pm, Library Lecture Room. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

lecture. "The Mars Sign: The Evolution of Cairo from a Palace-City to a Modern Metropolis." Speaker: Nasser Rabbat, Islamic architecture, MIT. 4:30 pm, PNW 212. Sponsor: Middle Eastern Studies. Info: x2609.

asian awareness event. "Race Relations Panel." 5:30 pm, Pendleton Atrium. Sponsor: Multicultural Programs. (See story, page 1.) Info: x2959.

esl tutoring. (See 2/26 listing.)

chai week event. "Women, Clothing and Identity." 7 pm, Wang 105. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

meeting. Interservice Christian Fellowship. 7-9 pm, Wang 413. Info: x4335.

## friday march 2

info table. "Study in France." Noon-2 pm, Wang Center, entrance level. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x3532.

chai week event. "Hamantashen Baking and Mishloach Manot Making." 1:30 pm, Billings 300. Sponsor: Hillel. Info, RSVP: mdolgen@wellesley.edu.

meeting. "Meditation." 5-5:30 pm. (See 2/27 listing.)

## save the date!

3/8/07: Goldman Lecture (rescheduled), "The Economy in a Changing World."

Speaker: Edward P. Lazear, chairman, Council of Economic Advisers. 4:15 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Info: x2156.

chai week event. "Rock Shabbat Service with Steve Meltzer." 5:30 pm, Billings 300. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

concert. Blue Notes Spring Teaser. 7:30 pm, Anderson Forum, Wang Center. (See story, page 1.) Info: BlueNotesmail@wellesley.edu.

## saturday march 3

chai week event. "Shabbat Morning Services, Lunch and Board Games." 10 am, Billings 300. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

lunar eclipse viewing. 5:45-7:15 pm, Davis Parking Facility. Sponsor: ASTRO. Info: x2726.

concert. Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra, "Catch A Rising Star" concerto competition winners. 8 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Music. Info: x2028.

## sunday march 4

girls' indoor lacrosse clinic. 9-11:30 am (grades 5-8); 1-3:30 pm (grades 9-12), Sports Center. Cost: \$50. Info, registration: x2011.

chai week event. "Glickson Bagel Brunch." 10:30 am, Pomeroy living room. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

worship service. 10:30 am, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Protestant Chaplaincy. Info: x2685.

workshop. "Healthy Women...Sport it All." Lectures, 12-1 pm, Collins Cinema; movement labs, 1:45-4 pm, Sports Center. (See story, page 2.) Sponsor: Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Info, reservations: 617-243-5900.

asian awareness film. *Divided We Fall*. 4 pm, Collins Cinema. (See story, page 1.) Sponsor: Multicultural Programs. Info: x2959.

meeting. Darshana. 4:30-6 pm, lower chapel. Sponsor: Hindu Community. Info: x2794.

concert. "Celebrating the Radiance, Wit and Humanity of Mozart's Musical World." Triple Helix Piano Trio. 7 pm, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2028.

## monday march 5

training. "Relational Leadership: It Makes All the Difference." 9:30 am-4 pm, College Club. Cost: \$250. Sponsor: JBMTI. Info: x3800.

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# don't miss ...

## anthropologist talks about mourning and martyrdom

Roxanne Varzi, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of California, Irvine, works on researching and writing about the “culture of martyrdom” produced by the Iranian government during the Iran-Iraq War. Her main interests are memorialization, especially space-specific sites such as the former war front and urban museums of martyrdom. On Monday, March 5, at 7:30 pm, she will present a lecture, “The Mourning After: Mosques, Museums and the Iran-Iraq War” in Pendleton East 239.

“The war with Iraq was the largest mobilization of the Iranian population, which was achieved primarily by promoting a culture of martyrdom based on religious themes found in Shii Islam,” Varzi said. “It was the war that created and consolidated what we know today as the Islamic Republic of Iran. And it is the legacy of the war that we must come to understand if we are to know anything about contemporary Iran.”

Through a visit to a martyr museum and cemetery in northern Tehran, Varzi will look at ways in which memorialization, mourning and celebrations of rebirth have been used as a political tool to create public culture. The Anthropology Department is sponsoring the event. For more information, call x2138.

## calendar, continued

german table. (See 2/26 listing.)

lecture. “Women in Their Own Write: Finding Words, Crafting Books, Voices Medieval to Modern.” Speaker: Julia Bolton Holloway, medieval studies emerita, University of Colorado, Boulder. 4:40 pm, Library Lecture Room. Sponsor: Writing. Info: x3771.

chai week event. “The Great Latke/Hamantashen Debate.” 5 pm, Pendleton Atrium. Sponsor: Hillel. Info: x2687.

service. Jummah. (See 2/26 listing.)

meeting. CG Senate. (See 2/26 listing.)

esl tutoring. (See 2/26 listing.)

lecture. “The Mourning After: Mosques, Museums and the Iran-Iraq War.” Speaker: Roxanne Varzi, anthropology, University of California, Ir-

vine. 7:30 pm, PNE 239. (See story, page 4.) Sponsor: Anthropology. Info: x2138.

## ongoing

exhibit. *Caudiciforms*. Greenhouse Visitor Center. 8 am-4 pm daily. Through early March. Info: x3027.

exhibit. *The Betrayal of Srebrenica: A Commemoration*. Through 3/10, Jewett Arts Center. Info: x2042.

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