

# wellesleyweek



## newhouse center for the humanities welcomes scholars

Mehrangiz Kar had just been licensed to practice law when the Islamic Revolution took hold of Iran in 1979. Kar, an attorney, writer and activist, continued with her work despite the limitations imposed upon women. In 2000, following her participation in a symposium in Berlin, she was arrested and imprisoned on charges of acting against the national security of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Three of the five charges against her are still pending, for which she may again be arrested upon her return.

Kar is one of 12 scholars working on topics as varied as obsolescence in American architecture, girlhood in Japan, migration in a global age and the societal impact of pensions at the Newhouse Center for the Humanities for the 2007-2008 academic year.

"We are delighted to welcome these scholars to the Wellesley College community," said Tim Peltason, English, director of the center. "Each brings a new perspective and intellectual excitement to the campus, and we look forward to the variety of ways in which they will enliven each other and the Wellesley College community by their presence here."

The incoming scholars include two visiting scholars, Kar and Ani-

ta Hill, and 10 Newhouse Fellows, four of whom are Wellesley College faculty on sabbatical. While at Wellesley, Hill will begin to analyze the nearly 25,000 pieces of correspondence she received in the wake of her testimony at the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Newhouse Fellows are Daniel Abramson, Elizabeth Ferry, Elizabeth Ford, David Kaiser, Leslie Kurke, Catherine Manegold, Susan Meyer, Geeta Patel, Abdourahman Waberi and Eve Zimmerman. For more information on the 2007-2008 Newhouse scholars, visit [www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2007/081407.html](http://www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2007/081407.html).



**Mehrangiz Kar will join the Newhouse Center as a visiting scholar**

## students researchers gain hands-on experience

While many students packed their books away for the summer, 109 students from Wellesley and other colleges conducted 10 weeks of study in a variety of disciplines on campus and at outside institutions.

Eighty of these students received stipends to work on campus with 41 faculty members in departments including biological chemistry, economics and women's studies. Ten information services interns worked with faculty members in developing Web pages and



other projects. The Science Center program supported the off-campus research of six Wellesley students.

"The summer research program is the centerpiece of undergraduate research on campus and provides energy and inspiration for other efforts in this direction," said Adele Wolfson, associate dean and professor of chemistry.

In addition to research projects, the program also included field trips; a career and graduate student panel; workshops in public speaking, visual design and ethics in research; and a final poster session.

Projects presented at the Aug. 9 poster session ranged from a study of work and family expectations of the Wellesley class of 2007 to an examination of different ways to study the crayfish visual system. To see more on the student research projects, visit [www.wellesley.edu/ScienceCenter/Booklet%2007.pdf](http://www.wellesley.edu/ScienceCenter/Booklet%2007.pdf).

## celebrating friendship through flowers

Flower Sunday, Wellesley's oldest and longest-surviving tradition, will be celebrated this Sunday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 am in Alumnae Hall. The event began as a comforting way to welcome new students whose first Sunday away from home often meant homesickness. Flower Sunday, focusing on friendships, helped to ease the transition.

It includes the tradition of Wellesley "little" and "big" sisters. First-year students are paired with upperclasswomen, who often bring a bouquet to their little sisters and accompany them to the festivities. With big sisters accumulating several little sisters during their time at Wellesley, entire "families" fill the seats as the years accumulate. For more information, call x2685.

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## news

### wellesley's wilbur rich examines history of race in politics

While Wilbur Rich, political science, doesn't cover Barack Obama in his latest book, *African American Perspectives on Political Science* (Temple University Press, 2007), the recently announced candidate for president of the United States provides Rich an opportunity to continue his discussion of the African American impact on politics.

"I, like many political analysts, was caught by surprise by his candidacy but my general comments about black presidential candidates holds," Rich says. "The wish for a credible African American presidential candidacy is now a part of our political discourse. America has undergone a 'sequence' of would-be African American presidential candidates— Jesse Jackson, Colin Powell

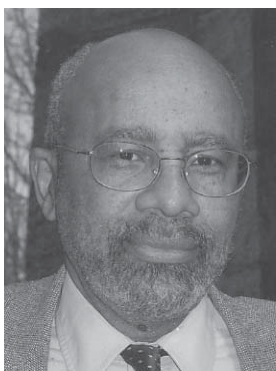
and now Obama. Interestingly, white Americans are secure enough to tell pollsters that they would vote for a qualified African American for president. This grows out of a need by some whites to elimi-

nate race as an important element in their vote calculus."

Obama's candidacy provides the perfect moment for the collection of 18 essays edited by Rich. Each of the 18 chapters, two written by Rich himself, was produced expressly for the book. Through them, Rich traces a history of race being ignored and distorted in the political world. Through their essays, these writers, all African American political scientists, analyze race in the realms of political mobilization and public policy-making.

"The central theme is that race matters in politics, not only nationally but internationally," Rich writes in the introduction. "Because we do not understand race in our own politics, it makes it difficult to comprehend ethnic and racial disputes in other countries."

For more on Wilbur Rich's new book, visit [www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2007/080107.html](http://www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2007/080107.html).



### students awarded katharine malone prizes

Three Wellesley students were honored with Katharine Malone Prizes for Academic Excellence Sept. 4 at Convocation. The Malone prizes were established by Claudine B. Malone '63 to honor her mother, Katharine Malone.

The awards honor students who have successfully combined academic excellence with a commitment to contributing to the college community. The Katharine Malone Scholar, the most prestigious of the awards, was awarded to Margaret Thompson '08.

"Your academic achievements, highlighted by your recent election to Phi Beta Kappa, in addition to your extraordinary dedication to the Wellesley community, clearly demonstrate your commitment to these ideals," said President H. Kim Bottomly in a letter to Thompson.

Thompson, a chemistry major, was presented with a check for \$30,000 and is also eligible for another \$5,000 per year for graduate studies. Thompson has presented her scientific research at the American Chemical Society National Meeting and at the Tanner and Ruhlman conferences. She was also awarded the Katharine Malone Sophomore Prize last year for her achievements in the sciences and on campus.

Andrea Liang '09 received the Malone Sophomore Student Prize and Lisa Ann Abraham '10 was awarded the First Year Student Prize.

## colleagues

### in the news

thomas hodge, Russian, has an article, "Hunter in Terror of Hunters': A Cynegetic Reading of Turgenev's *Fathers and Children*," coming out in *Slavic and East European Journal* this fall. "I describe the sporting world of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Russia and demonstrate the profundity of Turgenev's immersion in it; discuss how this expertise shaped his view of the natural world and understanding of classical mythology; and finally propose a new reading of Bazarov's fate in *Fathers and Children*, based on cynegetic elements in that novel. I suggest that Turgenev, who retained his zeal for sport to the end of his life, submerged the themes of hunting literature into his stories and novels, including *Fathers and Children*, and *okhota* [hunting] permeated his fiction as a thematic subtext. I also explore how hunting motifs and nature-images bring Turgenev's reader into provocative encounters with classical antiquity that deepen our sense of the timelessness of Bazarov's predicament. To conclude, I focus on two classical elements in *Fathers and Children*: stocicism and the goddess Diana."

karl case, economics, has contributed to several national and international reports about the subprime lending crisis and concurrent housing market woes. In a *Boston Globe* story, "Home Prices Fall for 15th Month," he concluded, "We will not feel the pain as much the rest of the country. The question now is how deep into 2008 before it stabilizes and starts to recover." For a story about attempts to crack down on predatory lending in *The International Herald Tribune*, Case noted, "You have 50 state regulators, 50 state agencies, 50 state governors looking at a massive market and deciding to tweak it around the edges to make it more fair. That's a very difficult task, particularly in a fragmented market." Case's comments have also appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Boston Herald*, *CNN Money/Fortune Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *Time Magazine*, among other media outlets. His insights have been featured on PBS and WBUR's Marketplace segment. To listen to Case's NPR interview, visit [www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=14060758](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=14060758).

# calendar

## monday september 10

cws event. "Writing Effective Cover Letters." 12:30-1:30 pm, Green Hall 130. Info: x2352.

meeting. "Meditation." 12:30-1:30 pm, Schneider Loft meditation space. Sponsor: Religious Life. Info: x2793.

tap dancing. 4:30-6 pm, Alumnae Hall Ballroom. Info: x2372.

cws event. "Watson Conversation." 5:30 pm, CWS Library, Green Hall 441. Info: x2352.

résumé workshop. "Late Nite with CWS." 10-11 pm, Beebe, Cazenove, Munger, Pomeroy, Severance, Shafer, Tower living rooms. Info: x2352.

## tuesday september 11

tanner conference deadline. Noon.

discussion. 4:15 pm, Science Room 278. Guest: James Gosling, father of Java programming language. Sponsor: Computer Science. Info: x3120.

info session. Study Abroad for class of 2010. 4:30-5:30 pm, Science Center 277. Sponsor: International Studies. Info: x2320.

cws event. GRE Math Review-High School Algebra and Basic Arithmetic Skills. 6:30 pm. RSVP, mcallery@wellesley.edu.

meeting. "Meditation." 7 pm, (see 9/10 listing.)

## wednesday september 12

rosh hashanah. Begins at sunset. Jewish tradition.

blood drive. 10 am- 3 pm, Blood Mobile in front of campus police. Info, registration: x2357.

cws deadline. Preliminary deadline for Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell Scholarships. Noon.

cws event. Davis Scholar Senior Orientation. 12:30 pm, CWS Library. Info: x2352.

meeting. Welcome (Back) Ice Cream Social and Info Session. 1-2 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Sponsor: International Studies. Info: x2320.

field hockey vs. Tufts University. 4 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2900.

gathering. Unitarian Universalist worship circle. 6 pm, interim chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Schneider. Info: x3484.

rosh hashanah services. 7 pm, Library Lecture Room. Info: x2687.

résumé workshop. "Late Nite with CWS." 10-11 pm, Bates, Claffin, Lake House and Stone Davis living rooms. Info: x2352.

## thursday september 13

ramadan begins. Islamic tradition.

rosh hashanah service. 9:45 am, Library Lecture Room. Info: x2687.

meeting. "Meditation." (see 9/10 listing.)

soccer vs. Bates. 4 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2900.

meeting. IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship. 7-9 pm,

Wang 415. Info: x4335.

résumé workshop. "Late Nite with CWS." 10-11 pm, Dower and McAfee living rooms. Info: x2352.

## friday september 14

add period ends.

bible study. 7-11:30 pm, Wang 415. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Students Koinonia. Info: mkhoo@wellesley.edu.

## saturday september 15

soccer vs. Framingham State. 1 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2900.

tennis vs. Clark. 1 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2900.

## sunday september 16

flower sunday. 10:30 am, Alumnae Hall. Info: x2685. (See story, page 1).

## monday september 17

meeting. "Meditation." (See 9/10 listing.)

cws deadline. Preliminary deadline for American Graduate Fellowship and Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

lecture. "Deportation Nation." 4 pm, Pendleton Atrium. Speaker: Daniel Kanstroom, professor and director, human rights program, Boston College School of Law. Info: x2156. (See story, page 4).

senate meeting. 6 pm, Academic Council Room, Green Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Info: sanand@wellesley.edu.

## ongoing

exhibition. "Celebrating Wellesley College Presidents." Main floor exhibition cases, Clapp Library. Through 9/07. Info: x2128.

exhibition. "Transfigured Texts." Special Collections, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Clapp Library. Through 11/07. Info: x2129.

## save the date!

9/18/07: Study Abroad Fair. Noon, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x 2320.

9/19/07: Opening of Davis Museum and Cultural Center and celebration of Women's Studies Dept. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 6 pm, DMCC. Info: x 3382.

9/19/07: Carthage Consort Concert, a trio for viola da gamba. 12:30 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Sponsor: Music. Info: jkudzen@wellesley.edu.

9/23/07: *La Bohème*, Washington National Opera simulcast. 2 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Overflow: Collins Cinema and PNE 212. Info: x2063.

9/27-29/07: Actors from the London Stage, touring Shakespeare Co., weeklong residency with three performances of *MacBeth*: 9/27 at 7 pm; 9/28 and 9/29 at 8 pm, Alumnae Hall Auditorium. Sponsor: Theatre. Info: x2000.

9/30/07: Drop-off day at Clothes Cupboard trailer. Noon-5 pm, Clothes Cupboard trailer, 100 Central Street. Other donation times may be arranged during September. Info: 617-997-7942 or clothescupboard@yahoo.com.

10/02/07: Panel discussion, "I Say Medieval, You Say Renaissance." 4:30 pm, Founders 220. Sponsor: English. Info: x2575.

10/03/07: Music Department Concert- Stephen Drury. 12:30 pm, Jewett Arts Center. Info: jkudzen@wellesley.edu.

10/03-04/07: Clothes Cupboard Rummage Sale. Alumnae Hall Ballroom. Info: 617-997-7942.

10/8-10/9: Fall Break.

10/12-14/07: Wellesley October Weekend. Alumnae Leadership Council, Homecoming Weekend and Friends and Family Weekend. Info: www.wellesley.edu/WOW/wow.html.

# don't miss ...

## lecture brings reality of immigration law to life

The legal underpinnings of the U.S. government's power to deport non-citizens began with the 1893 case of Fong Yue Ting, a Chinese laborer deported due to his inability to find the "credible white witness" then required by law. Since then, the deportation system has grown slowly and reactively, says Daniel Kanstroom, a Boston College professor of law and director of BC's human rights program.

Kanstroom will discuss the issue of immigration and deportation presented in his book, *Deportation Nation: Outsiders in America*, during a lecture Monday, Sept. 17, at 4 pm in Pendleton Atrium.

"His book – *Deportation Nation* – gives us perspective on how immigration laws have affected our nation's history and continues to affect us today," said Kristin Butcher, economics. "Many people are unfamiliar with the details of immigration law, but since these laws are the subject of recent debate, it is a good time to change that. I think people will find it fascinating -- I know my students last year did."

Butcher said she was eager to bring Kanstroom back to campus after her students all mentioned how much they enjoyed his guest lecture on the economics of immigration in her class.

Kanstroom is the founder and director of the Boston College Immigration and Asylum Clinic, in which students represent indigent non-citizens and asylum-seekers. He is also on the board of directors of the PAIR Project, was rapporteur for the American Branch of the Refugee Law Section of the International Law Association and currently co-chairs a national immigration committee of the American Bar Association. He has extensive experience litigating immigration and asylum cases at every level of the U.S. legal system. His book on the U.S. deportation system, entitled *Good-bye Rosalita: A Social and Legal History of Deportation*, will be published by Harvard University Press. For more information, call x2156.

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