

wellesleyweek



college takes stand against genocide in sudan

President Diana Chapman Walsh has announced actions aimed at addressing the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.



“Wellesley neither has, nor anticipates having, any direct investments in Sudan,” said

Walsh in announcing a plan developed with student leaders and the College’s investment office and supported by the trustee investment committee. “We want to go beyond that simple statement, though, and do what we can to raise awareness in the larger investment community of the mounting crisis in and beyond Darfur. In addition, we want to provide opportunities for our students to work for change.”

“Few U.S. endowments have direct investments in the foreign oil-related companies that are viewed as the principal bad actors in the Sudan,” Walsh continued. “International holdings, typically, are indirect investments in large, fluid and complex commingled funds.”

Beginning this spring, Wellesley’s investment office will distribute a letter developed by the Wellesley Darfur Committee to its investment managers of commingled international funds. The college will ask those managers to inquire about

policies related to operations in the Sudan whenever they meet with representatives of multinational and foreign companies identified by the student activists as potentially generating revenue for the Sudanese government.

“We will expect our managers to ask these companies about their policies related to Sudan, to incorporate the answers into their overall assessment of the company, and to let us know what they have learned,” explained Walsh. “At a minimum, this should help raise awareness in the investment community. If company executives are hearing from potential investors in large commingled funds, our hope is that they will be encouraged to develop socially responsible policies.”

In addition, to help students work directly on Darfur-related initiatives in the United States or abroad, the College will provide stipends of up to \$3,000 for summer internships. For safety reasons, students will not be supported to work in Darfur, but the stipends will enable them to work with activist groups in the U.S. and abroad. “Wellesley students can be formidable advocates for change,” said Walsh. “Through these internships, their efforts will amplify Wellesley’s opposition to the atrocities in Sudan.”

experts will tackle human rights and trafficking

Sexual rights is the topic of this year’s Domna Stanton lecture, Wednesday, March 28, in Collins Cinema. The two-part event, sponsored by women’s studies, will bring in world-class scholars from a broad range of disciplines.

Carole Vance will present “Juanita/Svetlana/Geeta’ Is Crying: Melodrama, Human Rights and Anti-Trafficking Interventions” from 7-8:30 pm.

Vance, an anthropologist from Columbia University, specializes in sexuality, human rights, health, gender, medical anthropology, cultures of science and biomedicine, and ethnographic methods. Her work focuses on integrating sexuality with human rights frameworks and claims.

“The talk examines important

themes in the flood of documentary, journalism and policy about trafficking into forced prostitution and the ways in which culturally resonant themes about gender, sexuality, innocence, globalization and sensation structure narratives about trafficking, to great effect,” Vance said. “While electrifying and mobilizing, these ‘stories of trafficking’ motivate and support interventions that ignore—rather than support—human rights frameworks.”

The lecture is preceded by a panel discussion, “New Frontiers of Sexual Rights,” from 4-6 pm featuring activists, human rights lawyers and researchers including Scott Long, Human Rights Watch; Alice Miller, human rights, Columbia; Mindy Roseman, human rights, Harvard Law School and others. For more information, call x2527.



computer circus

Where can you see a simulated paper airplane flight and a firefighting Lego robot? Get your face painted, play games and watch a musical show? On Saturday, March 31, from 1-4 pm, Computer Science will host its third annual Cirque du CS, a celebration of student work in computer science, media arts and science that promises to be fun for the whole family.

“Several hundred people attended last year, including computer science alums from the earliest years of the major,” said Randy Shull, computer science. “We are hoping for an even bigger turnout this year. Who knows, perhaps Captain Abstraction will return for an encore.” For more, call x3102.

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news

professor asks: is religion needed in age of science?

The 2007 Annual Darshana Lecture will be held Saturday, March 29, at 6 pm in Tishman Commons, Wang Center. This year the lecture will be delivered by Subhash Kak, a professor of electrical engineering, Asian studies and cognitive science at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Through a Hindu perspective, Kak will examine the claim that science has unraveled the secrets of the physical universe and the human mystery. The event will be held as part of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life's monthly Dinner & Dialogue program.

"Kak is a trained scientist and engi-

neer who has practiced hardcore sciences and who is also very drawn to ancient Indian ways of the world," said Vanita Shastri, Darshana advisor. "He has this special blend of both and is a good bridge between the two."

While Kak has worked in the fields of wireless, data security, neural networks, information technology and computing, his interests in ancient Indian philosophy and science led him to study and write about these areas. A world-renowned scientist, philosopher and a poet, he has written more than 200 journal articles and 15 books.

For more information, call x2794.

laura maffei explains japanese tanka poetry

For more than 12 years, poet Laura Maffei has worked intensely with the tanka form, striving to transfigure it into a



new and powerful genre in English-language poetry. Tanka are 31-syllable poems that have been the most popular form of poetry in Japan for at least

1,300 years. Maffei will present "Tanka Poetry: The Focused Moment in Our Modern World" Monday, April 2, at 6 pm in Pendleton East 239.

"Laura Maffei is a fantastic writer and reader," said Alicia Erian, English. "I have no doubt that after hearing her speak about tanka and read from her

book, many students will feel compelled to run back to their rooms and attempt a few tanka themselves."

Maffei founded the journal *American Tanka* in 1996 and serves as its editor. Her own modern, urban-oriented tanka have been published in a variety of small journals. *Drops from Her Umbrella* is her first collection, culled from more than 4,000 of her poems and arranged to read like a memoir. She will offer a brief history of tanka and discuss its uses as a literary art form, correspondence, memorial and memoir. She will also present strategies for writing and teaching tanka and finish with a reading from *Drops from Her Umbrella*. For more information, contact x2591.

lawyer to discuss landmark gitmo trial

Activist and lawyer Neal Katyal, a professor at Georgetown University Law School, will talk about the rights of detainees as well as diversity issues Tuesday, March 27, at 4:30 pm in Pendleton Atrium. Katyal was the lead lawyer in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* in the U.S. Supreme Court, a case that challenged the policy of military trials at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba. In June 2006, the Supreme Court sided with him by a 5-3 vote, finding that President Bush's tribunals violated the constitutional separation of powers, domestic military law and international law. The event is part of Asian American Month at Wellesley. "He will discuss his role as an Asian American working in the field of law, his specific observations in working to diversify the profession as well as the landmark Guantanamo Bay case," said Karen Shih, director, multicultural programs and services. For more information, call x2959.

colleagues

in the news

Research by [courtney coile](#), economics, has been cited by *Newsday* in a story, "Lost Ground: Experts Find Retirement Security Eroding." The article noted that Coile and economist Kevin Milligan "reported that typical households have a mix of assets—stocks, bank accounts, real estate, CDs, IRAs—with a median value of \$170,000. But they are just one or two "health shocks" away from trouble. Even among the retired, the rich seem to grow richer, the poor struggle for survival and middle-class older Americans live on a knife-edge, increasingly fearful that they are at risk of losing the security of their homes and savings." The entire story can be read at www.newsday.com/entertainment/ny-bzsaul5115061mar03,0,792222.column?coll=ny-entertainment-columnists.

[william joseph](#), political science, has contributed to a Voice of America report, "Tiananmen Mothers' Call for the Truth about June 4th." The report focused on a letter to China's National People's Congress sent by "Tiananmen Mothers," an organization mostly made up of Chinese women who lost children or other loved ones during the violent suppression of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in June 1989. The organization is committed to pressing the government for a truthful account of these events and their aftermath. The organization, which has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, was founded by Prof. Ding Zilin, formerly of People's University in Beijing, whose son was killed during the Tiananmen tragedy. "I expressed my admiration for the courage of the Mothers and their commitment to press their cause through peaceful, legal means," Joseph said. "But I doubted that they will receive a reply, let alone satisfactory action by the government on their demands."

calendar

monday march 26

classes resume.

event. "Walking the Labyrinth." 10 am-8 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Religious and Spiritual Life. Info: x2685.

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

cws senior chats. "Preparing for Your Job Search." 12:30 pm, Wang 210. Info: x2352.

info table. "The Beijing Center." 1-3:30 pm, Wang entrance level. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x3532.

class. Halaqa Islamic studies. 5 pm, Muslim prayer room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

service. "Lenten Contemplative Catholic Prayer Walk of the Labyrinth." 5 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Newman Catholic Ministry. Info: x2688.

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

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

tuesday march 27

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

religious class. Tajweed. 12:30-1:30 pm, Muslim Prayer Room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

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

cws senior chats. "How to Present Yourself in Interviews." 12:30 pm, Wang 210. Info: x2352.

seminar. "The Specter of Environmentalism: American Environmentalism and the Rise of the New Right." Speaker: Jay Turner, environmental studies. 12:30-2 pm, Wang 415. Sponsor: Environmental Studies. Info: x2989.

discussion group. "Spiritual Parenting." 1 pm, Wang 415. Sponsor: Religious Life. Info: x2685.

concert. "The Carey Concert: Keyboard Works of J.S. Bach." Performer: Charles Fisk, piano. 4:15 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Sponsor: Music. Info: x2028.

lecture. "Mathematics as a Creative Art." Speaker: Ellen Maycock '72, American Mathematical Society. 4:15 pm, SCI 396. Sponsor: Mathematics. Info: x3148.

film/discussion. "Le Long Voyage" (In French and Arabic with English subtitles). 4:30 pm, French House. Info: x2415.

wednesday march 28

workshop. "Trading Spaces." 11:30 am-1 pm, Library Lecture Room. Sponsor: HR. Info: x2890.

save the date!

4/9/07: 40th Anniversary Biological Chemistry Lecture Series. "How Do Cells Move?" Speaker: Joy Yang '94, cell biology, Johns Hopkins Medical School. 5 pm, SCI 278. Sponsor: Biological Chemistry. Info: x3154.

4/18/07-4/20/07: Spring Open Campus. Sponsor: Admission. Info: x2274.

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

chinese table. 12:30 pm, Bates private dining hall. Info: x7685.

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

lecture. "The Effects of School Desegregation and Finance Reform: The Children in Room E4." Speaker: Susan Eaton, Harvard Law. 12:30-2 pm, PNE 239. Sponsor: Education. Info: x3235.

discussion. "A Conversation with Sarah Craven." Speaker: Sarah Craven, U.N. Population Fund. 5 pm, Slater House. Sponsor: Slater International. Info: x4083.

service. Catholic Reconciliation. 5:45 pm, Christian Common Room, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Newman Catholic Ministry. Info: x2688.

domna stanton lecture. "New Frontiers of Sexual Rights" panel, 4-6 pm; reception, 6-7 pm; "Juanita/Svetlana/Geeta is Crying: Melodrama, Human Rights and Anti-Trafficking Interventions" lecture, 7-8:30 pm, Collins Cinema. Speaker: Carol Vance, socio-medical science, Columbia University. (See story, page 1.) Sponsor: Women's Studies. Info: x2538.

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

jazz band study hour. 7-9 pm, Punch's Alley. Info: mollyspubmail@wellesley.edu.

lecture. "Sustainable Environment." Speakers: Nicholas Rodenhouse, biological sciences, and Sarah Craven, U.N. Population Fund. 7-8:30 pm, PNE Atrium. Sponsor: Slater International. Info: x4083.

thursday march 29

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

cws senior chats. "Growing Your Job Search Network." 12:30 pm, Wang 210. Info: x2352.

wcw lecture. "Looking Back to Move Forward: Women's Visions of a Progressive Society." Speaker: Jean Hardisty, WCW and founder, Political Research Associates. 12:30 pm, Cheever House. Info: x2500.

meeting. "Meditation." (See 3/27 listing.)

esl tutoring. (See 3/26 listing.)

cws lecture. "Managing Your Personal Finances." Speaker: Menisha Thakor '92, author. 6 pm, PNE Atrium. Info: x2352.

darshana lecture. "Ancient Indian Knowledge Systems: What Can We Learn From Them for Living Today?" Speaker: Subhash Kak, Asian studies, Louisiana State. 6-8:30 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. (See story, page 2.) Sponsor: Religious Life. Info: x2685.

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

lecture. "Attacking Poverty in the Developing World." Speaker: Julie Schaffner, international economics, Tufts. 7 pm, PNE Atrium. Sponsor: Intersivity Christian Fellowship. Info: x1230.

friday march 30

service. Jummah. 12:30 pm, Muslim prayer room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

shop talk. "Dreamweaver." 12:30-1:30 pm, PC Classroom, Clapp Library. For staff only. RSVP: www.wellesley.edu/NCH/Forms/invite.html.

service. "Catholic Prayer: Chaplet of the Divine Mercy." 3 pm, Christian Common Room, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Newman Catholic Ministry. Info: x2688.

meeting. "Meditation." 5-5:30 pm. (See 3/27 listing.)

performance. "Pan-Asian Cultural Show." 7-9 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Sponsor: Multicultural Programs. Info: x2959.

films. *Everything is Illuminated*, 7 pm; *Paradise Now*, 9 pm, Collins Cinema. Sponsor: Film Society. Info: x1311.

concert. "Tupelos Teaser." With Tufts Amalgamates. 8-9 pm, Pomeroy living room. Info: Tupelosmail@wellesley.edu.

concert. "Organ Music from the 1620's." Performer: Jeffrey Wood, organist. 8 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Music. Info: x2028.

saturday march 31

mawlid al-nabi (muhammad's birthday). Islamic tradition.

memorial service/concert. "A Celebration of the Life of Arlene Zallman." With music by Zallman, Bach, Schubert, Mahler and Szymko. 8 am-10:30 pm; concert at 4 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Music. Info: x2072.

concert. "Guild of Carillonners." 1-4 pm, Galenstone Tower, GRH. Info: x7436.

celebration. "Cirque du CS." 1-4 pm, E Corridor, SCI 1st floor. Sponsor: Computer Science. (See story, page 1.) Info: x3102.

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don't miss ...

economics alumnae return to discuss career options

The first ever Economic Alumnae Panel, sponsored by the Economic Student Association (ESA), will be held Saturday, March 31, 1-4 pm in Tishman Commons. "It's a unique experience for students to interact with women who have come from a background in economics at Wellesley and who have gone in very different directions with it," said Amanda Davis '08, ESA alumnae chair. "We wanted to bring together people who aren't all just working on Wall Street."



Among the panelists is Eileen Kohl Kaufman, executive director of Social Accountability International. Her career path has included 15 years of full-time parenting and later, an unexpected focus. "For 10 years, I've worked for an international labor rights organization, and, of course, labor economics was just about the only course I never took in three different degree programs," Kaufman said. Through the influence of academic economists at Wellesley and Columbia, Kaufman said she has found a way to work in the spirit of "ministrari sed ministrare." Students will be able to interact with the panelists during a reception following the event. Other speakers include Victoria Barret, associate editor for *Forbes* magazine, Liane Pelletier, CEO of Alaska Communications Systems, Vaidehi Shah, a senior associate at Carlyle, and Amita Rao, Technical Recruiter at Bluewolf Group.

discussion. "Economic Alumnae Panel." 1-4 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. (See story, above.) Sponsor: Economic Student Association. Info: x2156.

films. *Paradise Now*, 7 pm; *Everything is Illuminated*, 9 pm, Collins Cinema. Sponsor: Film Society. Info: x1311.

sunday april 1

palm sunday. Christian tradition.

holy week service. Palm Sunday. 10:30 am, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Protestant Chaplaincy. Info: x2685.

worship service. 4 pm, Houghton Chapel.

Sponsor: Newman Catholic Ministry. Info: x2672.

worship service. Darshana. 4:30-6 pm, Meditation Room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2794.

monday april 2

event. "Walking the Labyrinth." (See 3/26 listing.)

german table. (See 3/26 listing.)

religious class. Halaqa Islamic Studies. (See 3/26 listing.)

holy week service. "Ecumenical Labyrinth Walk." 5 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Protestant Chaplaincy. Info: x2655.

esl tutoring. (See 3/26 listing.)

meeting. CG Senate. (See 3/26 listing.)

lecture/reading. "Tanka Poetry: The Focused Moment in Our Modern World." Speaker: Laura Maffei, poet. 6 pm, PNE 239. (See story, page 2.) Sponsor: English. Info: x2591.

meeting. "International Justice Mission." 7 pm, PNE Atrium. Sponsor: Intersivity Christian Fellowship. Info: x1230.

ongoing

exhibit. *Voice for the Voiceless: Photographs by Susie Childers*. 4/1-15, Pendleton Atrium. Sponsor: Intersivity Christian Fellowship. Info: x1230.

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