Dear Wheelock Community Members:

The Department of Government & External Affairs, and Community Impact (DGEA & CI) is pleased to share this monthly email that highlights just some of the recent media coverage of Wheelock, its students, faculty, administrators, and alumnae/i. We encourage you to visit the Wheelock website and take a look at all of our news coverage. We hope this newsletter serves to inform you about the work that your colleagues are doing, and to instill pride among our community. Feel free to share with your networks.

Please note:

Opinions expressed by experts represent their personal perspectives, not necessarily those of the College. Wheelock supports diverse perspectives and this newsletter serves to highlight the breadth and depth of research and areas of expertise.

Some websites may require registration to access the articles and some links may no longer be active. Please contact Beth Kaplan with any issues viewing articles.

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Institutional News

The Move to Make Colleges More Age-Friendly
Forbes, 4/8/15
Wheelock College participated in the discussion of what age-friendly/encore institutions could be like and how they could best serve students 50+ at New York University, Encore.org held its Summit for Senior Higher Education Leaders.

Governor Baker April 6-9, 2015
MassGovernor on YouTube, 4/10/15
Governor Charlie Baker said at the Wheelock College Community Service Award Celebration that he believes in service and civic engagement, and that he thinks it makes communities great and organizations strong. He said, “I think it is what creates a legacy and a tradition that survives over the course of such a long period of time.”

Caring for the whole you
The Bay State Banner, 4/15/15
With Wheelock College and other organizations’ support, Mattapan Community Health Center has created an innovative approach to behavioral health care by including this care directly with primary care.

It’s tassel time: Commencement season is upon us
The Boston Globe, 4/24/15
“It is college commencement season once again in the region, a festive six-week celebration as freshly minted graduates head off into the world.” Wheelock College’s undergraduate ceremony is highlighted in this article.

Wheelock College president stepping down in 2016
The Boston Business Journal, 4/29/15
Wheelock College President Jackie Jenkins-Scott announced Wednesday that she will step down next year. “For more than a
decade, I have been most privileged to work with this extraordinary community of dedicated trustees, faculty, staff and alumni through an era of great accomplishments and progress” Jenkins-Scott wrote.

**Wheelock College president to depart next year**  
*The Boston Globe, 4/29/15*  
Wheelock College President Jackie Jenkins-Scott will step down in June 2016 after 12 years as president, the college announced Wednesday.

**President Jackie Jenkins-Scott in the news**

**The Boston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**  
*The Bay State Banner, 4/9/15*  
The Boston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated seventy years of community service by honoring six exemplary community leaders. The president’s lifetime achievement award was given to Jackie Jenkins Scott, President of Wheelock College.

**Can Ratings Assess True Value of Diverse Colleges?**  
*The Huffington Post, 4/22/15*  
President Jenkins-Scott writes: “In December, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) released an update to the proposed college ratings framework that includes what metrics the department is considering and how they will be measured. As a President of a small, private, nonprofit higher education institution with a public mission, I commend DOE for taking a step away from numerically ranking colleges against one another…”

**Faculty in the News**

**TV For Toddlers? It's Happening**  
*OnPoint, 4/1/15*  
Diane Levin, professor of early childhood development at Wheelock College talks about the effects of technology on toddlers. She says that “We are making it harder and harder for parents to make good decisions. We need to think about the long term effects of starting young.”

**Why I changed my mind about porn**  
*NewStatesman, 4/1/15*  
Gail Dines, Chair and Professor of American Studies at Wheelock College firmly rejects the Center’s claims: “I am critical of the johns, the pimps and the porn producers and distributors, but not the women who end up in the industry through poverty, racism, violence and trafficking.”

**Children playing without electronics is best preparation for school**  
*Tulsa World, 4/8/15*  
Diane Levin, professor of early childhood development at Wheelock College explains that “For a lot of kids, they have a very remote-controlled experience,” Levin said. “Once you get used to that, it’s boring to have Play-doh. “

**Gov. Baker’s 2016 Budget Will Hurt The State’s Poorest Children And Schools**  
*Cognoscenti, 4/13/15*  
Associate Professor Mary Battenfeld shares her opinion of the Governor’s 2016 budget proposal. She says “Budgets contain more than numbers. They tell the story of who we are and what we care about. Right now, the story features inadequate funding for 200,000 Massachusetts children who live in poverty.”

"No living woman actually looks like Kate Moss": The unattainable thin ideal  
*Salon, 4/18/15*  
Gail Dines, professor of sociology and women’s studies at Wheelock College said that “If tomorrow, women woke up and decided they really liked their bodies, just think how many industries would go out of business.”

**Growing Up in a Pornified Culture**  
*TEDx, 4/29/15*  
In Dr. Gail Dines’ compelling TEDx talk, she exposes the effects of porn culture on pop culture and the impact on children and
young adults growing up in a pornified culture today, addressing how nonprofit organization Culture Reframed is “solving the public health crisis of the digital age”.

Wheelock Family Theater

From Boston’s 1st Jail to Fugitive Slave Trials, 26 Court St. Has History
WBUR, 4/8/15
Wendy Lement is the artistic director of Theatre Espresso, a group that brings history to life by taking constitutional issues to schools across Massachusetts. One of its interactive plays is the “Trial of Anthony Burns,” which some say helped push America closer to the Civil War. She explained that “When the Anthony Burns trial came up it was a wake-up call, there was a riot, a guard was killed.”

Eye-popping goals for ‘Shrek, the Musical’ onstage
The Boston Globe, 4/16/15
Charles Baldwin, Wheelock Family Theater’s director of marketing and operations talks about the costumes and all the details of “Shrek, the Musical.”

‘Shrek’ surprising enough to keep the kids enthralled
The Boston Globe, 4/20/15
The first glimpse of Wheelock Family Theatre’s Shrek is a surprise. Instead of the round, green, smoothly computer-animated ogre of the movie, this Shrek is tall and hairy, with a lumpy green headpiece and mossy dreadlocks. But as played by Christopher Chew in Wheelock’s “Shrek the Musical,” running through May 24, this ogre was a hit with the children who made up at least half of Friday’s opening night audience.

Students in the News

Celebrate Your Child’s Emotions
Boston Children’s Museum blog, 4/14/15
Viktoriya Dribinskaya, a graduate student from Wheelock College pursuing a degree in Child is helping provide various health programs in the Boston Children’s Museum, and she is especially passionate about promoting children’s healthy emotional development.

Muslim consumers and their mighty dinar
Asian Review, 4/23/15
Students at Wheelock College in Singapore prepare for their stay on the home campus in Boston, in the U.S. state of Massachusetts, they get a list from the previous year’s seniors showing where to buy halal groceries, find kabob stalls and go to pray.

Contact Us
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