Welcome to the fourth edition of Lucy's Ledger. It's hard to believe, but summer is just around the corner! With just under two weeks left for classes and finals, Wheelock undergraduates are gearing up for a summer of work, study, and play. While our seniors are eagerly anticipating graduation, followed by the beginnings of a job or graduate school, many of our first-year, sophomore, and junior class students are looking forward to summer employment, internships, or classes taken here at Wheelock or at a college closer to home.

We have included many activities and updates around Wheelock over the next few weeks, but there are even more events and happenings that you can learn about on the Wheelock homepage.

For those families who have recently subscribed to this newsletter, we welcome you! While most of the topics covered in today's newsletter are aimed at parents of current students, we are in the process of designing summer editions of Lucy's Ledger for parents of incoming first-year and transfer students. So please be on the lookout for the first of these special summer issues in May. If you have specific questions or concerns in advance of the First-Year Introduction (FYI) orientation program in June, please contact us at family@wheelock.edu.

In the meantime, we encourage your participation and feedback in our virtual community, nearly 200 parents and family members strong! Until next time...

**Summer 2011 at Wheelock College**

Each summer, Wheelock College offers a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses to help your student get ahead in their education or their future career. For details about the courses being offered this summer and how your student can enroll, please visit our Summer Sessions page.

**The residence halls are closing for the summer!**

Students who are not graduating in May should plan to leave their residence hall within 24 hours of their last final and no later than Saturday, May 7 at 2pm. Students who are participating in Commencement must leave their residence hall on Friday, May 13 by 5pm. Rented micro-fridges will be picked up on the morning of Monday, May 2. Wheelock does not offer any storage options for students, so anyone looking for summer storage should go through New England Student Services at 401-405-0920. Feel free to contact Office of Residence Life at 617-879-2108 with any questions.

**Call for Parents to Participate in FYI!**
This summer Wheelock will be hosting our annual First-Year Introduction (FYI) program for students who will begin their studies at Wheelock this coming Fall. As part of this program we host a parent orientation as well, and would like to invite a few parents from this list to speak with new parents about the experience of parenting a current Wheelock student. If you have any interest in participating as part of a parent panel, and if you are available on Saturday, June 18 and/or Tuesday, June 21, please e-mail family@wheelock.edu.

Policy Connection is Wheelock’s link to what is happening in the world

We would like to share our Policy Connection webpage: www.wheelock.edu/policyconnection. It links government to our community of students, families, administrators, and faculty. Be it from Beacon Hill or Capitol Hill, Policy Connection aims to keep everyone informed of events and policies that matter to our community.

You can also find out about Wheelock’s Policy Fellows program, policy internship opportunities, information about voting, representation, and legislation. The site includes: event announcements, videos, articles, research and additional resources that explore critical topics, and a monthly spotlight page which takes an in-depth look into current policy issues. Current Spotlight: The Budget Cuts.

- Watch the video on our home page of the recent speech by President Obama on education at TechBoston.
- Find out about potential budget cuts and link to resources that explain the budget. Some of these links offer great multimedia interactive features and detailed information of all cuts. You can also read the letter Education Secretary Arne Duncan sent to the governors.
- Take a look at what are Wheelock students advocating for; featuring student advocates at Wheelock. If you are advocating for a particular cause or organization that is under threat because of the recent budget cuts we would like to know. Please email us.
- View our quick guide to effective advocacy: description of some best practices regarding advocacy and links to resources such as sample letters/emails to legislators, links to research bills, etc.
- Follow us on Twitter and visit us on Facebook.

Stay connected to current policy issues that impact everyday life for children and families across the globe. We are constantly looking to improve the site; feel free to send us your ideas at policyconnection@wheelock.edu.

Wheelock gears up for Arts & Sciences Student Scholarship Week

Each semester, students in many classes offered by the School of Arts & Sciences present their final projects to the larger community. Check out the list of events below, arranged by department, and feel free to attend as many as you like. (Please be aware that in some instances there may be standing room only.) For more information please contact Nancy Hutchins, Assistant to the Dean of Arts & Sciences at 617-879-2177.

PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 and TUESDAY, MAY 3
Junior Honors Project Proposals
RES 350, Research Across the Disciplines
4:00 – 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
Human Growth and Development Poster Presentations
8:30 AM – 12:45 PM
CCSR 105
4:00 – 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
JumpStart Final Presentations
7:00 – 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Student Presentations
HDP 335, Cognition in the Deaf and Blind
4:00 – 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 5
Student Presentations
HDP 382, Nature of Linguistic Knowledge
1:00 – 4:00 PM

COMMUNICATIONS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Video Production Project Screening
COM 210, Video Production I
2:30 – 3:45 PM

MATH-SCIENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
Math Seminar Student Presentations and Posters
MAT 390, Mathematics Seminar
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Student Project Presentations
MAT 230, Algebra and Number Theory
1:00 – 3:45 PM

MONDAY, MAY 2
Student Project Presentations
MSC 401, Seminar in Critical Thinking
6:30 – 8:30 PM

AMERICAN STUDIES
THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Student Research Presentations
AST 365, Studies in American Popular Culture
4:30 – 6:30 PM

THE ARTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Poster Presentation and Workshop on Boston Architecture
6:30 – 8:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 2
Arts Performance Day
Student Art Exhibition Opening and Student Performances
5:30 – 7:30 PM

HUMANITIES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Humanities Thesis Presentations
HUM 450, Senior Seminar in the Humanities
Women’s Center Presents "The Vagina Monologues"
Contributed by Aly Kantor, 2012

On Thursday, April 28, 2011, twenty Wheelock women will be taking the stage and passionately speaking out about something they care a great deal about – their lady parts. This year, for the third year in a row, the Wheelock College Women’s Center will be bringing together individuals from all corners of the campus to raise funds for the VDay Campaign, an international movement whose goal is to end violence against women and girls both domestically and internationally. This year, the club plans to accomplish this by putting on a benefit performance of The Vagina Monologues, an iconic play written by activist Eve Ensler about the issues of women worldwide. It is a hilarious and heartbreaking show performed by thousands of colleges each year dealing with everything from Bosnian Rape Camps to moaning in bed to the absurdity of tampons. This year, the Women’s Center will be raising funds for the Women and Girls of Haiti.

The fundraising effort began on Tuesday, April 19 with a campus-wide “Ladies Night” event intended to bring awareness to the issues that the monologues address and to explain to the community at large where the money will be going. The majority of funds, however, will come from ticket sales at the performance itself. All of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the international VDay organization. To sweeten the deal, the Women’s Center will be offering raffles at the event to boost funds. If you are interested in supporting the Wheelock College Women’s Center and the women and girls of Haiti, join us for The Vagina Monologues on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm in the Wheelock Family Theatre. Email womenscenter@wheelock.edu for details or to donate to our campaign.

Wheelock rocks the vote for Student Government Association!

We are proud to announce the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) leaders! These Wheelock College SGA officers will represent the student body; act as a liaison between students, administration and alumni; enrich student life; and enhance the culture of Wheelock College. These leaders will do their best to advocate for and empower their fellow students to express their voices and reach their fullest potential. Without further ado, let’s offer congratulations to the following students:

- **President**: Kevin Kareckas, 2012 (South Berwick, ME)
- **Vice President**: Natasha Al-Rafie, 2012 (Worcester, MA)
- **Treasurer**: Danielle Foley, 2013 (Chalfont, PA)
- **Secretary**: Jordan Pina, 2012 (New Bedford, MA)
- **Public Relations**: Wayne Peterson, 2013 (Winchester, MA)

Faculty Profile: Galina Dobrynina
By Danielle Vaughan, Class of 2013

Galina is a professor of math at Wheelock. She works with students of all levels. From first-year students in her intensive math sequence course, to upperclassmen in algebra and number theory and history of math, Galina is connected to almost all students at Wheelock. Galina’s persistent dedication to her students makes her a very unique professor. Her concern for their well-being and her fearless ability to “make you go further” proves her dedication. I have experienced Galina’s extreme consistency within her classes. She truly wants everyone to succeed, not just a lucky few. Recently, I asked Galina to write me a recommendation for a scholarship and the time she spent doing so shows me, once again, that she is more than willing to go above and beyond for her students. Additionally, her daily concerned questioning about this scholarship shows that she cares about the continued growth of her students both in and outside of her classroom. Galina is a special kind of teacher in that she is able to lovingly push you to heights you did not know you could reach.
**Important Dates**

Tuesday, May 3: *Spring semester ends (classes meet)*

Wednesday, May 4: *Undergraduate reading day (no classes)*

Thursday, May 5 - Friday, May 6: *Undergraduate Exam Period*

Friday, May 13: *Commencement (11:00am)*

Monday, May 16: *Summer Session 1 begins*

Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 31: *Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)*

Friday, June 24: *Summer Session 1 ends*

Monday, June 27: *Summer Session 2 begins*

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's [academic calendar](#).