

BLC's 34th Annual Plenary

Future Forward: Harnessing the Transformative Power of AI and Technology for Good

Plenary Co-chairs: Rudina Seseri '00 and Anne Toth '93

THURSDAY

- 5:00 PM Bus from Residence Inn Natick to Alumnae Hall
- 5:15 PM **Plenary Kickoff Cocktails** Alumnae Hall Ballroom
- 6:30 PM **Opening Dinner with President Paula A. Johnson** Alumnae Hall Ballroom
Hear from President Johnson as she shares her vision and perspectives on the college's future and the impact of Wellesley women in the world, following by Q&A with BLC members. Open seating.
- 9:10 PM Bus from Alumnae Hall to Residence Inn Natick
- 9:30 PM **Nina McLemore Trunk Show** Broadmoor, Residence Inn
Shop for chic Nina McLemore clothing at a trunk show while sipping on wine and enjoying delicious bites.

FRIDAY

- 7:30 AM **Breakfast at Residence Inn Natick**
All BLC members are invited for breakfast in the hotel's main dining area.
- 8:30 AM Bus from Residence Inn Natick to Wang Campus Center
- 8:45 AM **Welcome from Plenary co-chairs** Tishman Commons in the "Lulu"
- 9:00 AM **Mental Wellness First**
Learn what drives Boston Children's Hospital's new Chief of Psychiatry. Get a glimpse of her transformative vision of a new pediatric mental wellness model that combines early intervention, prevention and a cure for mental illness. See why Boston Children's is the ideal place to lead this work for children everywhere for generations to come.
- **Stacy Drury, MD, PhD, Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Boston Children's**
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM **Artificial Intelligence: Decoding Noise to Signal**
In an era of information overload and rapid technological advancement, understanding the complexities of Artificial Intelligence becomes both imperative and challenging. In this session, we will dive into AI as not a monolithic entity but a constellation of algorithms, data sets, and ethical considerations that require a multi-disciplinary approach to fully comprehend. We will discuss how to navigate the 'noise'—from misleading headlines to hyperbolic promises and threats—surrounding AI to better assess its real capabilities and limitations. The discussion aims to provide insights and tools to discern between AI's genuine, immense potential for societal benefit and the pitfalls of unchecked or misunderstood technologies.
- **Rudina Seseri '00, Founder and Managing Partner of Glasswing Ventures**

- 12:00 PM **Buffet Lunch** Tishman Commons
Enjoy a leisurely buffet lunch and free time as a part of our conference agenda, providing a chance to recharge and network at your own pace.
- 1:30 PM **Free Time and Small Group Activities:**
- **Guild of Carillonneurs Tower Tour**
The Wellesley College Guild of Carillonneurs carries on the tradition of bell ringing, which began when the carillon was first installed in 1931. A fascinating tour showcasing the historic carillon and musical traditions led by Margaret Angelini, the director of the Guild of Carillonneurs, and current students. This tour involves climbing four sets of stairs in parts of the tower that have limited lighting. Meet on the 4th floor of Green Hall at the elevator near Founders Hall. Tour will depart promptly at 1:30 p.m.
 - **Master Plan Landscape Tour with Emily Mueller De Celis '91**
Embark on a landscape architectural tour of campus to explore the ingenious design and meticulous planning that integrates stunning natural elements and structures into a harmonious environment. Meet on patio outside of Tishman near fire pit.
 - **Lake Walk (on own)**
Unwind and connect while enjoying our beautiful campus with a BLC friend.
- 3:15 PM **From Palettes to Pixels: Art in a Digital-First World**
We stand on the brink of a renaissance that promises to reshape our understanding of creativity, expression, and human-machine collaboration. As with all revolutions, there remains significant uncertainty among those who dedicate their work and lives to the arts. This fireside chat explores the evolving landscape where traditional artistic mediums meld with cutting-edge technological tools, from virtual reality to AI-driven generative art. We will discuss the transformative potential, challenges, and philosophical implications of this convergence. Join us for a deep dive into the vibrant future of art, where the canvas extends beyond the physical realm and the artist's brush meets lines of code.
- **Diana Greenwald, William and Lia Poorvu Curator of the Collection at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**
- 4:30 PM Break
- 4:45 PM **You are Your Data. A Discussion of Privacy and Security** Tishman Commons
Facial recognition. Online surveillance. Government access. Encryption. Hacking. Russia. China. North Korea. TikTok. It's all over the news and most of it is deeply concerning. But applying AI to data may unlock the secrets that allow us to cure cancer, solve cold case crimes, and do everyday things better like organize our calendars, remember where we parked our cars, and avoid traffic jams on the way to work. As technology becomes more sophisticated, what do we need to understand to protect ourselves? How does this impact how businesses operate at global scale? This panel of privacy and data experts will demystify the discussion, separate fact from fiction, and help you contextualize the tradeoffs we face as a global society.
- **Alison Chung '73, Founder and President of TeamWerks**
 - **Heather West '07, Senior Director of Cybersecurity and Privacy Services at Venable**
 - **Natalie Harris, Founder and President of Harris Data Consulting**
 - **Anne Toth '93, Senior Director of Privacy Services at Venable**
- 6:15 PM **Cocktail Reception and Dinner** Alumnae Hall Ballroom
Dinner seating: Sit at a table with a BLC member you haven't met.

- 7:45 PM **Conversations with...Aniella Gonzalez '93 and Kathrin Belliveau '90**
A Beloved Plenary Session: Two BLCers are sure to captivate us with their personal narratives and delve deep into their post-Wellesley journeys.
- 9:00 PM Bus from Alumnae Hall Ballroom to Residence Inn Natick
- 9:15 PM **Late Night Social** *Broadmoor, Residence Inn*
Come join us for a laid-back late-night social in the hotel meeting room, where we'll unwind with beer/wine, pastries, and great conversation.

SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM **Breakfast at Residence Inn Natick**
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- 8:45 AM **Intro and Conversation with Wellesley's new College Leaders** *Broadmoor, Residence Inn*
 - *Peaches Valdez, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid*
 - *Crystal Daugherty, Vice President for Development*
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM **Corporate Board and Global Leadership Initiative with Margo Loebel '82**
Learn about the Corporate Board Initiative and the enormously popular Global Leadership Speakers Series and help shape future efforts.
- 11:00 AM **Annual BLC Membership Meeting** *Broadmoor Room*
Join us for our annual business meeting where we will review the annual report and FY24 budget, vote in the new board slate, and more!
- 12:00 PM **Farewell Lunch** *Broadmoor Room*
Join us for a casual lunch as we conclude the conference, offering a perfect opportunity to share final moments and fond farewells with new and old friends.
- 1:00 PM Bus to Logan