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## Spring Events - Sign Up Today!

### June Fox Lecture featuring Eric Schwarz

April 28, 2011

University Hall Amphitheatre | 7:00 pm



Eric Schwarz, CEO and co-founder of the national non-profit Citizen Schools, joins the School of Education for "Calling all Citizens," a discussion of his organization's

efforts to educate children, strengthen communities, and increase access to the American Dream. A reception will follow the event. Please call 617-349-8397 for more information.

### Management Networking Event

May 2, 2011

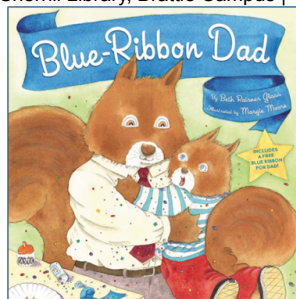
Alumni Hall | 5:30 pm

The Management Student Association presents Lesley's third Leadership Symposium, featuring acclaimed leadership coach and advisor Jeff Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence will discuss current trends in business leadership and the challenges facing managers and leaders now and in the future. To register, [click here](#).

### Book Reading featuring Beth Raisner Glass

May 7, 2011

Sherrill Library, Brattle Campus | 10:30 am



Lesley alumna and children's author Beth Glass '90, GSASS '06 will read from her most recent book, *Blue Ribbon Dad*. The reading will be followed by a workshop focused on innovative new ideas and strategies for teaching writing to children. To register or to learn more, please [click here](#).

### Annual Reggio Emilia Institute at Lesley University

May 7 - 8, 2011, with a Pre-Institute on May 6

The Reggio Emilia Approach focuses on fostering relationships among children, teachers, parents, and community. It builds on the premise that each child has the desire to connect with others, to engage in learning, and to enter into a relationship with his or her environment.

Join experts and practitioners of the Reggio Emilia Approach from schools around the country and abroad as they discuss

## Lesley Alumna Gives Back: \$1 million gift aids Threshold program and AIB move



Lesley Trustee and Alumna Carol Moriarty and her husband, John, recently made a \$1 million gift to Lesley University to benefit both the Threshold Program and the construction of a new facility for the Art Institute of Boston (AIB).

With \$500,000 each to Threshold and AIB, the gift supports two important initiatives:

- The Threshold Program – serving adults with cognitive and learning disabilities learning independent living skills – plans to renovate its four buildings, establishing a more cohesive "mini-campus" within Lesley's Cambridge Campus. The project also involves the establishment of the Threshold Alumni Center, a program to more formally provide support services to graduates as they navigate independent living and employment.
- The Art Institute of Boston is planning to relocate from Kenmore Square to Porter Square, making AIB and its students, faculty and events a part of Lesley's Cambridge Campus. The new Art Institute, adjacent to Lesley's University Hall, will feature state-of-the-art studios, galleries in the heart of a bustling Porter Square, and an architectural design skillfully melding the historic and the modern.

"This is a chance to give back to the university that's made a positive difference in my life," said Carol Moriarty. "For Threshold, I'm hoping we can improve an already outstanding program, and call attention to the important and inspiring work these students do. Each day, they strive to overcome personal challenges towards not just increased independence, but to contribute to the world around them."

Read more about Carol and John's gift and the AIB project by [clicking here](#).

**Jodi Fralick '10**  
Leaves Legacy with Lynx Athletics

documentation best practices and its use in assessment, improved student learning and design of classroom practices. Participants will learn about how documentation can build cultures of in-depth inquiry in classrooms and among groups of teachers and how documentation can provide accounts of children's learning experiences in early childhood classrooms.

For a full schedule of the Institute and registration information, please [click here](#).

### Lesley University 2011 Commencement

May 21, 2011



Lesley University will hold its 2011 Commencement on Saturday, May 21, at the Bank of America Pavilion, 290 Northern Avenue, Boston. The ceremony for the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences and the School of Education will be held at 10:00 am, followed by the ceremony for The Art Institute of Boston and Lesley College at 2:00 pm. The University will be conferring 2,632 degrees this year, including 453 Bachelor's, 2,101 Master's, and 18 PhD's.

Lesley's School of Education and Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences graduates will be addressed by Honorary Degree recipients Dr. Judith Lewis Herman, Psychiatrist and Award-winning author and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and author of *Trauma and Recovery*; and Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, Professor of Medicine Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts and founder of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR).

Lesley College and The Art Institute of Boston graduates will be addressed by Honorary Degree recipients Xu Bing, a world-renowned Chinese artist, and Alan Khazei, founder of Be the Change, Inc., and co-founder of City Year.

"Each year, we engage individuals who exemplify the mission of the University - lifelong learning, public service, the arts, and creating a positive impact through careers that build stronger communities" said Joseph B. Moore, President of Lesley University. "I'm proud to welcome these four leaders in their fields, and look forward to the inspirational messages they will relay to graduates embarking on their own careers."

To read more about the 2011 Commencement, [click here](#).

### Alumni Weekend 2011

June 3-5, 2011



Lesley University welcomes all alumni and reunioning classes to [Alumni Weekend 2011](#). Reconnect with Lesley classmates and

friends, take advantage of professional development and networking opportunities, and get a chance to see our growing campus and many new facilities. We even have a headliner event featuring famed comedian and entertainer



When tri-sport student-athlete Jodi Fralick graduated last May, she was one of the Lynx's most accomplished athletes of all-time, turning growing Lesley teams into regional powers and making a name for herself among national leaders. She led the Lynx to New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) titles in soccer basketball and softball and appearances in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament in both soccer and softball as a senior.

One of the most prolific scorers in NCAA soccer history, Fralick turned the Lynx from a 2-15-2 team her freshman year to 14-4-1 a year later. The Lynx won 31 games and an NECC championship over the four-time all-conference player's final two seasons, and the Woburn, MA native ended her career in the Top 10 in NCAA history in goals, with 103.

"Jodi's success in her time here really laid the found for the program's success and helped us gain recognition on a national level," said head women's soccer coach Paul Vasconcelos. On the diamond, she took the Lynx from a 17-win team as a freshman to a 30-win team and a North Atlantic Conference Championship a year later. "Her sophomore year was the first year we won," recalls head softball coach Jen Benway.

Now teaching in the Woburn school system, Jodi says that being a student-athlete helped develop her time management skills, her ability to adapt and work well with others, her good decision making skills and her strong leadership skills. She explains that she learned the importance of teamwork and how to lead by example as captain of three of her teams.

To read more about Jodi's successes, please [click here](#).



Lesley's Threshold program will celebrate graduation on May 6th, joined by speaker Jothy Rosenberg, whose incredible life story of overcoming adversity and succeeding in the face of immense challenges resonates deeply with Threshold students, graduates and families.

### Professional Development Opportunities are available online!

Did you know that Lesley offers many professional development courses throughout the year? You can earn continuing education units and network with experts in your

Jimmy Tingle! No matter which Alumni Weekend events you choose to attend, it's sure to be a weekend to remember! Learn more about accommodations and register today by [clicking here](#).

### **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

We've always got an eye out for grants and funding opportunities. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

**For more events and other news and features about the Lesley community, [visit our website](#).**

field through our programs.

You may even qualify for free continuing education courses. For example, alumni who employ Lesley students as interns qualify for free vouchers toward courses or continuing education classes. In addition, many of our courses have waived fees for alumni.

To learn more about available courses and how you can get involved, go to [our website!](#)

### **Lesley Alumni in the News!**

Got news? Want to share with our alumni network? Check out our new Class Notes section on our brand new website! It's an interactive way to share news, job updates, connect with friends and classmates and network. Visit today by [clicking here](#).

### **Lesley College Newsletter**

To read about Lesley College student and faculty scholarship, professional accomplishments and distinguished service to the Lesley community, state and nation, check out our publication, *Lesley College Today*. [Click here](#) to read the April issue.