



Message from Lilia Navarrete, WIT-LA President

Dear Members and Friends of WIT-LA,

I'd like to take a moment to personally reach out to you to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful new year.

Your support in 2018 has allowed us to continue to serve you and everyone in the international trade community in Southern California with our programs presenting top level speakers and our global platform for networking. We had a great Global Trade Awards gala, recognizing our Outstanding Woman of the Year in International Trade, Valeria Velasco, Commissioner, Los Angeles World Airports and several other incredible individuals. We look forward to a fantastic 2019, wishing each and every one of you great success, health and happiness.

To better serve you, it is with great excitement that I share with you that we have just launched our updated website www.wit-la.org and will plan a formal launching in January 2019. In the meantime, we appreciate any feedback you may have during this soft launch period.

During this season of joy, I'd love for you to join us for WITmas! our Holiday Charity event next week, Wednesday, December 19th to spread some cheer and enjoy an evening with friends and colleagues. We'll have Chinese traditional dancers and singers along with our auction and opportunity drawing to support our local and global education initiatives and the Seafarers coming into the Ports of L.A. and L.B. Hope to see you all there! For more information and registration click here: [WITmas Holiday Charity Event Registration](#)

And, looking at 2019, look for our upcoming announcement of our Annual State of the Port/CBP Update, which will take place on January 30th, 2019. And, for the rest of the year, we're planning events to keep you at the cutting edge of what is happening in the world of trade. Let us know what programs you are interested in and how we can serve you better.

Sending you my warmest greetings and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

All my best,

Lilia

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WIT-LA Reading List

Women in the Workplace, 2018

Progress on gender diversity at work has stalled. To achieve equality, companies must turn good intentions into concrete action.

[McKinsey: Gender-Equality-Women in the Workplace 2018](#)



The Value of an MBA, Revealed

A new survey shows that business school can yield substantial financial rewards, but for women with the degree, a pay gap persists.

[Gee, Kelsey. Wall Street Journal](#)



Upcoming Events



6:00pm-9:00pm - December 19, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Carson

2 Civic Plaza, Carson, California, 90745

Join us for a WIT-mas Around the World "Night of the Qîpão"
WIT-LA's Signature Gourmet Holiday Dinner and Charity Event



WIT-LA Annual Charity Auction and Opportunity Drawings

Contact us at info@wit-la.org to donate items supporting our Global Education initiative or call (213) 545-6479

Members \$75 | Guests \$90 | Table of 8 \$640

Seafarers; They bring in trade goods to our ports during the holidays -
 Let's bring them items for the International Seafarers Center
 "Christmas Shoebox Program!"



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SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, January 30

WIT-LA's Annual State of the Port/CBP Update will take place on January 30, 2019



**Annual State of the Port
 CBP Update and Luncheon**