

Mission and Overview of the Day

Welcome to MIT April 18: Day of Engagement, Day of Action! This day's event is a call for renewed and ongoing civic engagement among all parts of the MIT community – including students, postdocs, staff, and faculty – together with the broader local community. The sessions and activities of the day are devoted to open-minded dialogue with peers and colleagues of diverse backgrounds and views. We stand in solidarity with all those who are addressing today's political, economic, and social challenges by developing a deeper understanding of them and the skills to solve them through collective action.

In coming together for this Day of Engagement and Day of Action, we act to fulfill MIT's mission "to bring knowledge to bear on the world's great challenges." Each of us has our own understanding of what these challenges are, and which are most pressing. The range of perspectives we bring to the discussion is a resource and source of strength for our community as we take action to address these pressing challenges. MIT April 18: Day of Engagement, Day of Action is open to all, representing the full diversity of our community.

Orienting to the schedule and making your way through the day

The schedule for the day offers a dizzying array of events, and with a broad cross-section of our community participating, there will be an unusual opportunity for informal interactions. We urge you to explore a broad range of topics as you plan your day and to find time to share your ideas, your concerns, and your hopes with others. In addition to the sheet of paper you are holding in your hands, you should have received a second sheet of paper with the schedule of events. On one side is the **Session and Activity Grid by Topic**. This grid includes all organized sessions and activities, with session number, title, and location thematically grouped by topic. On the other side is a **line-by-line listing** of sessions and activities by start time, including session title, location, number, and presenters. You can also download a full, detailed program that also includes session descriptions and presenter bios from <https://www.dayofaction.mit.edu/events>.

Self-Awareness, Content Knowledge, Skill Building, and Taking Action

In planning your day, it might be helpful to consider the day's events in light of four facets of learning:

- **Self-Awareness (Aw):** Sessions focusing on reflection and inquiry, providing attendees opportunity to recognize, question, and understand how we exist among and impact others and our environment;
- **Content Knowledge (Kn):** Delving into topics to understand historical, current, and future contexts of particular events or social conditions;
- **Skill Building (Sk):** Opportunities for attendees to gain resources, tools, or other know-how in order to influence positive social change;
- **Taking Action (Act):** Integrating and applying awareness, knowledge, and skills through various means toward shifting the status quo.

We have indicated each session and activity on the line-by-line listing with the most closely matching category (though of course many sessions and activities may provide learning opportunities that span multiple categories). These indicators may be of use to you as you plan your day.

A note regarding photography and video recording

Please keep in mind that some of the sessions and activities will cover sensitive content, and that some participants may be members of vulnerable populations. Some sessions and activities are no-photography (🚫) and/or no-video/no-audio recording zones (🚫). Conversely, designated event photographers and a video crew will be documenting the event, and designated sessions will be videorecorded (📹) and may be OKed for discreet photography by the event photographers (📷). These designations are indicated in the line-by-line listing. If you have any concerns, please take this into account as you choose your seat in so-designated sessions. In public areas, best practice is to ask others' consent before photographing or video-/audio-recording them. Thank you!

Agreeing to disagree in open, respectful dialogue across perspectives

The Day of Action is dedicated to open, respectful dialogue and the exchange of ideas from the widest variety of perspectives. In some cases, strong feelings may be evoked. It is our collective responsibility to keeping dialogue open and respectful. Here are some guidelines we suggest keeping in mind:

1. Listen actively and respect what others have to say.
2. Speak from your own experience. Use “I” statements instead of using “they”, “we”, or “you”. If someone shares a story you disagree with, share your own story or experience rather than discounting theirs.
3. Don’t be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions, but refrain from personal attacks. Focus on ideas.
4. Value collaboration over competition and engage with alternative perspectives. The goal is not to agree, it is to gain a deeper understanding.
5. Be conscious of body language and nonverbal responses; they can be as disrespectful as words.
6. Recognize power relations resulting from race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, social status, & more identities.
7. Strive for intellectual humility and be willing to grapple with challenging ideas. For example, whenever you think, “I already know this,” ask yourself, “How can I take this deeper?” Or, “How am I applying in practice what I already know?”
8. Differentiate between opinion, which everyone has, and informed knowledge, which comes from sustained experience, study, and practice. Hold your opinions with humility.

Adapt these guidelines as seems appropriate, keeping in mind values of respect and community growth.

Affinity & Hospitality Spaces

During the Day of Action, we invite you to stop by these dedicated Affinity & Hospitality Spaces for healing, processing, socializing, or to simply take a break. We invite you to visit the spaces that you identify with and that are salient and comfortable for you, to move between them, and to be conscious of the intersectional dynamics our privileged and minoritized identities play in every space we occupy.

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 14E-304, Women’s & Gender Studies Lounge
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Trans, Queer, and Allying (LGBTQA+) People - 46-6199
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - People of Color - 46-4199
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Women - 8th Floor Lobby, Building 36
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4-107, Office of Minority Education

Accessibility & Accommodations:

At the welcome desk in front of 32-124 you can inquire about ASL interpretation or pick up the MIT Campus Accessibility Map (also downloadable at <http://studentlife.mit.edu/sds/accessibility>).

For wheelchair accessible routes around MIT’s campus to the buildings in use for Day of Action events, visit <https://studentlife.mit.edu/sds/accessibility/accessible-routes> (these directions use Lobby 7, the main MIT lobby at the 77 Mass Avenue entrance, as a starting point).

Gender-Inclusive Restrooms:

While MA state law requires gender binary signs on the restroom doors, we the Day of Action organizers believe that gender is not binary. Please use the restroom that feels most comfortable with your gender identity, and please respect the privacy and dignity of all people using any restroom. To find single-stall restrooms open to all genders on MIT’s campus, please visit the following resources:

- Refuge Restrooms (www.refugerestrooms.com)
- This list of single-stall restrooms: <http://web.mit.edu/trans/bathroom.html>
- “Unisex” restrooms on the MIT Campus Accessibility Map (see link above)

MIT’s non-discrimination policy can be found at <http://web.mit.edu/policies/9/9.2.html>.

Organizations Participating in the Volunteer Fair

Check out the many on-campus and local community organizations represented at our Volunteer Fair! (4-8pm, Stata Center/Building 32 Student Street, Session #99). The list of participating organizations and their websites is as follows:

Organization name	Website
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station (FRRACS)	http://www.nocompressor.com/
Bikes Not Bombs	https://bikesnotbombs.org
Rebuilding Together Boston	http://rebuildingtogetherboston.org
Sociedad Latina	http://www.sociedadlatina.org
Tutoring Plus	http://tutoringplus.org
Tutors for All	http://www.tutorsforall.org
Cambridge Community Center	http://www.cambridgecc.org
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)	http://barcc.org
Somerville Community Corporation	http://somervillecdc.org
The Welcome Project	https://www.welcomeproject.org/
Fund for the Public Interest	http://www.fundforthepublicinterest.org/
Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House	http://margaretfullerhouse.org
North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB)	http://www.naicob.org
Sister District Project	https://www.sisterdistrict.com/
Solidarity Sundays	https://www.solidaritysundays.org
Indivisible Somerville Labs	https://indivisiblesomerville.com/guide-to-labs/
350MA/Better Futures Project	http://www.betterfutureproject.org
Academics for the Future of Science	https://academicsforthefutureofscience.wordpress.com
MIT Democrats	https://www.facebook.com/dembeavers/
MIT Class Awareness, Support, and Equality (CASE)	http://www.studentsonthecase.com/
Engineering Activism	https://www.facebook.com/engineeringactivism/
MIT Student Activist Coalition	https://www.facebook.com/The-MIT-Student-Activist-Coalition-189726918134638/
MIT Black Students' Union	https://blackstudentunion.mit.edu

Open Rooms for discussion and brainstorming/planning

We've also reserved several rooms for open discussion and brainstorming during the course of the day:

- In Building 56, we have reserved Room 169 (capacity: 20 people)
- In Building 66, we have reserved Rooms 154 (capacity: 32 people) and 156 (capacity: 22 people)
- In Building 32, we have reserved Room D-461 (capacity: 50 people)

If you want to find fellow participants interested in discussing a topic, or in brainstorming and planning a civic engagement & action project, visit the blackboard near the welcome desk on the Stata Student Street in front of 32-124. Write a brief description of the topic or idea, and put down the time and room where fellow participants can find you. Even if you don't have a particular topic or idea in mind, stop by the board, see what people are talking about, where, and when, and join the conversation!

Food

Prior to the 9:30am opening remarks, coffee will be available outside room 26-100. For **lunch**, pizza will be served 12–1pm in the Stata Student Street. There will be ample vegetarian pizza available, as well as limited quantities of gluten-free and vegan pizza. **Dinner** will be available starting at 7:30pm in the Stata Student Street. **Food trucks** will be on campus at mealtimes between Stata and Building 56/66 where food can be purchased. Throughout the day, **fruit and nuts** will be available at Affinity Spaces and at the welcome and information desks throughout the day.

We the MIT Day of Action organizers are also conscious of food insecurity and various intersecting matters. Lunch and dinner will be provided at the Stata Center, and we encourage all participants to partake at their convenience and need. Please speak with a volunteer at the registration table for additional information and resources.

What next? How can I stay engaged and active?

There are many paths forward! Follow up by:

- Learning more about the projects, initiatives, and organizations you have heard about today
- Continuing conversations with people you meet today, and starting new conversations with colleagues, friends and family
- Engaging with the various organizations at our Volunteer Fair
- Keeping an eye on our website, <https://www.dayofaction.mit.edu> (also accessible through <http://www.mitdayofaction.org>), for future information, updates, and events!

In upcoming weeks, will also be compiling and sending out more detailed follow-up information and updates about content relating to today's sessions and activities. If you would like to receive this information:

- Text ACT and/or DOA plus session numbers (e.g. DOA35) along with your email address to **(617) 466-9594**, e.g.:

ACT yourname@mit.edu

or

DOA35 yourname2@gmail.com

- Or, send an email with ACT and/or specific session codes in the subject line to **mitdayofaction@gmail.com**

You will receive a confirmation text or email within a few minutes. If you don't receive a confirmation, please double-check the number/email address you sent the message to. If you have already sent in your email address in a different session, you do not need to include it in subsequent texts. Your contact information will only be used to provide you with follow-up information and updates, tailored to the content covered in the sessions you indicate (plus general information if you text us the code ACT).

Acknowledgments and thanks

We would like to thank everyone who has made this event possible:

- The VOLUNTEERS who have come together from all parts of our community – MIT staff, students, postdocs, and faculty, and broader local community members alike – and contributed their time and energy in planning before today, working today to make the event run smoothly, and cleaning up after the event;
- The SUPPORT STAFF AND FOOD VENDORS working at MIT today who, whether or not they are able to attend the sessions and activities of this event, are contributing to its success by ensuring that MIT's facilities and services continue to operate smoothly;
- The CONTENT CONTRIBUTORS who have provided their expertise, time, and energy to creating a stunning range of sessions and activities that help improve our awareness, provide us with relevant knowledge, teach us skills, and prepare us for action;
- The SIGNATORIES OF THE CALL TO ACTION who established a strong and visible base of support for this event early on;
- The many DEPARTMENTS, CENTERS, LABORATORIES, OFFICES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT to make this event possible; and:

Our final, deep thanks go to YOU AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS in MIT April 18: Day of Engagement, Day of Action, individually and collective. Today would not be possible without your interest and willingness to create an environment of common understanding and equitable practice. Thank you for creating the time and space in your life to devote this day to civic engagement and action by sharing in this experience with us. We look forward to seeing and hearing how civic engagement and action continue as a part of your life, and of our collective experiences together, in the future.

Session and Activity Grid by Topic

Time	Think globally, act locally	Healthcare, housing, jobs, equality, survival	Gender, sexuality, and reproductive justice	Science and technology in society	Activism	Racial justice and immigration	Doing democracy	Art & Literature	Skill-shares and workshops	Resistance on film	Wellness and community	Drop in any time
9:30a	9:30a [26-100] Opening Remarks (0)											9:30a [26-100] Opening Remarks (0)
9:45a												[26-100] Coffee
10:00a	10:00a [32-155] Ending Political Corruption in MA (34)	10:00a [32-141] The Future of US Healthcare Policy (63)	10:00a [32-144] Assembling a Founder's Toolkit: Workshop on Making Start-Ups LGBTQ-Inclusive (55)	10:00a [56-154] Climate Justice and Energy Democracy (37)		10:00a [56-114] Perspectives on the Global Refugee Crisis (19)		10:00a [66-160] Change Starts at Home: Fake Science (and How to Fix It) (87)				
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11:00a	11:00a [32-155] Cambridge as a Sanctuary City: What it Means for Immigrants in Cambridge (82)				11:00a [66-168] March 4th Movement - Lessons For Today (1)	11:00a [32-124] White Folks Holding One Another Accountable to Dismantle Racism: The Role of White Accountability / 'Caucus' Groups (70)	11:00a [32-123] Causes and Consequences of the Rise of Right-Wing Populism (93)					
11:15a		11:15a [32-141] Strategies for Improving the Quality of Jobs (69)										
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11:45a				11:45a [56-114] Big Data & Discrimination (76)								
12:00p					12:00p [26-100] Disobedience and its Reward (12)							
12:15p	12:15p [32-155] Putting a Price on Carbon in MA (36)					12:15p [32-123] Criminal Justice and Race: Perspectives from Law and Neuroscience (92)	12:15p [32-124] Accountability Without Democracy (14)					
12:30p		12:30p [32-141] Nuclear Weapons and Survival (29)						12:30p [56-154] Literature: Light in Times of Darkness (26)				
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1:30p	1:30p [32-141] Current Municipal and State Political, Social and Economic Struggles (74)	1:30p [32-155] The Economics and Politics of Brexit (31)			1:30p [32-124] MIT Activism in the 80s and 90s: Voices from the Past (85)	1:30p [Stata Dreyfous 9th floor lounge] Philosophy of Racial Justice (50)	1:30p [32-123] Illiberal Democracies (9)					
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9:30a-10:00a [Building 26](#), Room 100 (Session #0) **Aw**
Opening Remarks, by *event organizers*

10:00a-5:00p [Stata Student Street](#) (Session #8) **Aw**
Ask a Philosopher Booth, by *New England Public Philosophers and MIT Philosophy Students*

10:00a-11:00p [Building 56](#), Room 114 (Session #19) **Aw**
Perspectives on the Global Refugee Crisis, a panel featuring *Serena Parekh, Kate Akkaya, and Meredith Blake Kn*

10:00a-10:45a [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #34) **Aw**
Ending Political Corruption in MA, by *Represent. Us Boston*

10:00a-11:30a [Building 56](#), Room 154 (Session #37) **Aw**
Climate Justice and Energy Democracy: An Introduction, by *Fossil Free MIT*

10:00a-11:00a [Building 32](#), Room 144 (Session #55) **Aw**
Assembling a Founder's Toolkit: A Workshop on Making Start-Ups LGBTQ-Inclusive, by *Sloan LGBTQI*

10:00a-11:00a [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #63) **Aw**
The Future of US Healthcare Policy, by *Jonathan Gruber*

10:00a-11:30p [Building 66](#), Room 160 (Session #87) **Aw**
Change Starts at Home: Fake Science (and How to Fix It), by *Piotr Mitros*

10:00a-5:00p [Stata Student Street](#) (Session #100) **Aw**
Questions of Cultural Curiosity, organized by *MIT Leader to Leader (L2L) Program Alumni/ae*

10:00a-10:45a [Building 66](#), Room 144 (Session #102) **Sk**
A Mobile Security Primer for Activists, by *Nathan Freitas and Erhardt Graeff*

11:00a-12:00p [Building 66](#), Room 168 (Session #1) **Kn**
March 4th Movement - Lessons For Today, by *Ira Rubenzahl*

11:00a-3:00p [Stata Student Street](#) (Session #10) **Kn**
Science and Society Carnival, organized by *students of the History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society (HASTS) program*

11:00a-12:00p [Building 66](#), Room 144 (Session #15) **Sk**
How to Use Media Cloud for Activism, by *Natalie Gyenes and Anushka Shah*

11:00a-12:00p [Building 32](#), Room 124 (Session #70) **Aw**
White Folks Holding One Another Accountable to Dismantle Racism: The Role of White Accountability/'Caucus' Groups, organized by *members of the White Person's Accountability Group (Ora Gladstone, Libby Mahaffy, and Ryan Krus)*

11:00a-12:00p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #82) **Kn**
Cambridge as a Sanctuary City: What it Means for Immigrants in Cambridge, by *Brian Corr / City of Cambridge Peace Commission & Nancy Schlacter / City of Cambridge Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship*

11:00a-12:00p [Building 32](#), Room 123 (Session #93) **Kn**
Causes and Consequences of the Rise of Right-Wing Populism, a panel discussion featuring *Daron Acemoglu, Abhijit Banerjee, and Michael Piore*

11:00a-1:00p [Stata TSMC Lobby](#) (Session #101) **Aw**
Living Laborama, hosted by the *Office of Sustainability*

11:15a-12:15p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #69) **Kn**
Strategies for Improving the Quality of Jobs, by *Tom Kochan*

11:45a-12:30p [Building 56](#), Room 114 (Session #76) **Kn**
Big Data & Discrimination, by *Kate Vredenburg and Ronni Gura Sadovsky*

12:00p-1:00p [Building 26](#), Room 100 (Session #12) **Aw**
Disobedience and its Reward, by *Joi Ito and Ethan Zuckerman*

12:00p-1:30p [Building 32](#), Room 144 (Session #26) **Aw**

Literature: Light in Times of Darkness, organized by *Helen Elaine Lee and Ruth Perry* and featuring *additional speakers* **Aw**

12:00p-2:00p [Building 66](#), Room 160 (Session #57) **Sk**
Training Active Bystanders Workshop, by *Dan Ottenheimer and Marion Magill*

12:00p-2:00p [Building 56](#), Room 162 (Session #59) **Aw**
Understanding the Connection Between Oppression and Partner Abuse, by *Genevieve Rodriguez*

12:00p-2:00p [Building 46](#), Room 3002 (Session #60.5) **Aw**
Resistance on Film: Rome Open City - followed by Q&A with Ezra Haber Glenn and Giuliana Minghelli, organized by *Ezra Haber Glenn / Department of Urban Studies & Planning*

12:00p-1:30p [Building 14E](#), Room 109, Lewis Music Library (Session #66) **Aw**
World Music Hangout: Music Across Borders, organized by the *Lewis Music Library and the International Student Office*

12:15p-1:15p [Building 32](#), Room 124 (Session #14) **Kn**
Accountability Without Democracy, by *Lily Tsai*

12:15p-1:15p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #36) **Aw**
Putting a Price on Carbon in MA, a panel discussion featuring *Jen Benson, Sam Anderson, Emil Dimantchev, and Chris Knittel*

12:15p-1:15p [Building 32](#), Room 123 (Session #92) **Kn**
Criminal Justice and Race: Perspectives from Law and Neuroscience, a panel discussion featuring *Rebecca Saxe and Deborah Ramirez*

12:30p-1:15p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #29) **Kn**
Nuclear Weapons and Survival, by *R. Scott Kemp*

12:30p-1:45p [Building 56](#), Room 154 (Session #64) **Aw**
Are the Seeds of Fascism Being Sown in the U.S.?, by *Toni Rossi and Bruce Price*

12:45p-1:30p [Building 56](#), Room 191 (Session #41) **Aw**
Recharging for the Activist, by *MIT Radius / Technology and Culture Forum*

12:45p-2:45p [Building 66](#), Room 168 (Session #51) **Kn**
Gerrymanndering: Mathematics and Fairness in Theory and Practice, by the *Metric Geometry and Gerrymanndering Group*

1:00p-4:30p [Building 66](#), Room 144 (Session #13) **Aw**
Day of Action Data Rescue, organized by *Civic Data Design Lab + DUSPoiz*

1:30p-3:00p [Building 32](#), Room 123 (Session #9) **Kn**
Illiberal Democracies, moderated by *Jeffrey S. Ravel*

1:30p-4:30p [Building 7](#), Room 238, Rotch Library Map Space (Session #22) **Aw**
Make Change, Make Zines! A Day of Action Zine-Making Space, organized by *Alena McNamara, Rhonda Kauffman, Sofia Leung, and Anna Boutin*

1:30p-2:15p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #31) **Kn**
The Economics and Politics of Brexit, by *John Van Reenen*

1:30p-2:45p [Stata Dreyfoos 9th floor lounge](#) (Session #50) **Aw**
Philosophy of Racial Justice, by *Kevin Richardson and Darien Pollock*

1:30p-3:30p [Building 56](#), Room 114 (Session #60.1) **Aw**
Resistance on Film: Free Angela and All Political Prisoners - followed by Q&A with Sally Haslanger and Rose Lenehan, organized by *Sally Haslanger*

1:30p-2:30p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #74) **Kn**
Current Municipal and State Political, Social and Economic Struggles, a panel discussion moderated by *Jonathan King*

1:30p-2:30p [Building 32](#), Room 124 (Session #85) **Kn**
MIT Activism in the 80s and 90s: Voices from the Past, by *Debbie Douglas / MIT Museum*

2:00p-3:30p [Building 32](#), Room 144 (Session #23) **Aw**
But What Do I Do Instead? A Workshop to Counteract the "Bystander's Dilemma", by *Libby Mahaffy Sk*

2:00p-3:30p [Building 56](#), Room 191 (Session #24) **Aw**
Multicultural Stories and Activities for Kids

2:00p-3:30p [Building 7](#), Room 134A, Rotch Library Conf. Room (Session #91) **Aw**
Documenting Cultural Heritage as an Act of Resistance, by *Michael Toler*

2:00p-5:00p [Broad Institute](#) (Session #103) **Aw**
Getting the stats across, from bench to broadcast, a panel discussion featuring *Rebecca Goldin, Emilie Marcus, Trevor Butterworth, Christopher Labos, and Tracey Brown Kn*

2:15p-3:45p [Building 66](#), Room 160 (Session #20) **Kn**
Eugenics: A Continuing Legacy?, by *Erica James, Amy Moran-Thomas, and Stefan Helmreich*

2:30p-5:00p [Building 46](#), Room 3002 (Session #60.6) **Aw**
Resistance on Film: All the President's Men - followed by Q&A with Ezra Haber Glenn, organized by *Ezra Haber Glenn / Department of Urban Studies & Planning*

2:45p-3:45p [Building 32](#), Room 124 (Session #58) **Aw**
Beyond Bathrooms: Bureaucracy and Queer Youth, by *Alex Nally / MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth*

3:00p-4:30p [Building 26](#), Room 100 (Session #11) **Aw**
Why March (or Not): Let's Talk, a panel discussion featuring *John Fernandez, Deborah Fitzgerald, Linda Griffith, and S.P. Kothari* moderated by *JJ Jackson*

3:00p-4:15p [Stata Amphitheater \(outside\)](#) (Session #44) **Aw**
Taking Action Against Climate Change, by *Fossil Free MIT*

3:00p-4:00p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #77) **Aw**
Promoting Neighborhood Racial Integration: Ideas from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, by *Rob Bregmaier*

3:15p-4:45p [Building 56](#), Room 154 (Session #79) **Kn**
Lessons in Nonviolent Resistance from Global Movements, by *Jamila Raqib*

3:15p-4:15p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #90) **Aw**
Police-Community Relations, by *Robert McKersie*

3:30p-4:15p [Building 56](#), Room 191 (Session #41.5) **Aw**
Recharging for the Activist, by *MIT Radius / Technology and Culture Forum*

3:45p-5:15p [Building 32](#), Room 144 (Session #43) **Aw**
Securing a Progressive Urban Agenda, organized by *students of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning*

4:00p-6:00p [Building 6](#), Room 120 (Session #18) **Aw**
Poetry Across Borders, organized by *Nick Montfort and Ed Barrett*

4:00p-5:00p [Building 66](#), Room 160 (Session #32) **Sk**
Citizen Media Resistance, by *Karl Surkan*

4:00p-7:00p [Stata Forbes Cafe](#) (Session #48) **Aw**
Social Emergency Response Center (SERC), sponsored by *Social Emergency Responders* reporting from the *Department of Urban Studies and Planning*

4:00p-5:30p [Building 56](#), Room 114 (Session #60.2) **Aw**
Resistance on Film: Left on Pearl - followed by Q&A with film directors, organized by *Sally Haslanger*

4:00p-8:00p [Stata Student Street](#) (Session #99) **Aw**
Organizing & Civic Engagement Volunteer Fair

4:15p-5:45p [Building 32](#), Room 124 (Session #71) **Kn**
Structural Racism: What White People Can Do (and Know!), by *Nina Davis-Millis & Emily Neill*

4:30p-6:00p [Building 66](#), Room 168 (Session #17) **Aw**
Free Speech / Hate Speech, by *Wendy Salkin and Ronni*

Gura Sadovsky **Aw**

4:30p-5:45p [Building 66](#), Room 144 (Session #61.5) **Aw**
Taking Action: Emerging Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health, by *Shoshanna Ehrlich and Elizabeth Janiak*

4:30p-5:30p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #65) **Kn**
The Legacy of Inequity in Federal Housing Policy, by *Roberta Rubin*

4:45p-5:45p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #30) **Aw**
The Challenge for R&D Funding in the Administration's New FY18 Budget, by *William B. Bonwillian Kn*

5:00p-9:00p [Stata Amphitheater \(outside\)](#) (Session #21) **Aw**
Multimedia Protest Party, by *Paloma Duong and Ian Condry*

5:00p-6:30p [Building 56](#), Room 154 (Session #54) **Kn**
Protest, Nonviolence and Civil Disobedience, a discussion moderated by *Lisa Rivera and Gina Schouten*

5:30p-7:00p [Building 9](#), Room 255 (Session #35) **Aw**
Gentrification: Beyond Displacement, a panel discussion featuring *Aatmaa Pandya, Léopold Lambert, Molly Rose Kaufman, Ken Reeves, and Sarita Daftary-Steel* organized by *DUSP Students of Color Committee*

5:30p-6:30p [Building 32](#), Room 144 (Session #89) **Aw**
Impacting Congress Beyond Phone Calls and Emails: Engaging on Policy, by *Daniel Pomeroy Sk*

5:45p-6:45p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #29.5) **Kn**
Inside the Iran Deal: The Making and Future of a Historic Agreement, by *R. Scott Kemp*

5:45p-7:00p [Building 26](#), Room 100 (Session #98) **Aw**
The Responsibility of Intellectuals Today, a panel discussion featuring *Noam Chomsky, Junot Diaz, Saida Grundy, and Naomi Oreskes* moderated by *Phil Thompson Kn*

6:00p-7:00p [Building 66](#), Room 160 (Session #32.5) **Kn**
Trans & Queer Health Care Advocacy: From ACA to HB2, by *Karl Surkan*

6:00p-7:30p [Building 56](#), Room 114 (Session #60.3) **Aw**
Resistance on Film: White Like Me - followed by Q&A with Michelle Maiese and Clare Mehta, organized by *Sally Haslanger*

6:00p-7:00p [Building 32](#), Room 155 (Session #80) **Aw**
Social Justice in Applied Technology & Service Design, a panel discussion organized by *Jules Rochielle Kn*

6:30p-7:30p [Broad Institute](#) (Session #103.5) **Kn**
Numbers in the news, a public discussion with *Dr Rebecca Goldin*

7:00p-8:30p [Building 56](#), Room 154 (Session #5) **Sk**
Protest Songs: Old and New, led by *Ruth Perry*

7:00p-8:30p [Building 32](#), Room 141 (Session #67) **Kn**
The Future of the New Abortion, by *Norma Swenson*

7:05p-7:30p [Building 26](#), Room 100 (Session #0.5) **Aw**
Closing Remarks, by *event organizers*

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9:30a-10:00a: Opening Remarks (Session #0; Location: [Building 26](#), Room 100)

by *event organizers*

10:00a-5:00p: Ask a Philosopher Booth (Session #8; Location: [Stata Student Street](#))

by *New England Public Philosophers* and *MIT Philosophy Students*

Session Description: What is justice? Is the United States a democracy? What was the last moral dilemma you experienced? Speak with philosophy PhD students from MIT and other local universities about these topics, or whatever you want to talk about. Reflect on things that matter to you, practice articulating and evaluating evidence, encourage critical thinking, and build community.

10:00a-11:00p: Perspectives on the Global Refugee Crisis (Session #19; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 114)

a panel featuring *Serena Parekh*, *Kate Akkaya*, and *Meredith Blake*

Session Description: This panel will address the current global refugee crisis from several perspectives. The first panelists will give an overview of the crisis in Europe that's developed over the past year, and how refugees are treated politically, using negotiations between Greece and the EU as a case study. The second panelists will discuss the refugee vetting process, and the way that the US has historically tried to balance the humanitarian impulse to help those fleeing persecution with our interest in national security. The final panelists will highlight current challenges facing refugees and asylum seekers in the US by discussing the recent executive orders and their impact on both refugees entering the country through the resettlement process as well as asylum seekers that are detained at the border. Each speaker will speak for 15 minutes, and there will be 15 minutes for Q&A at the end.

Bios: **Serena Parekh** is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Northeastern University. **Kate Akkaya** is a law student at Northeastern University who focuses on refugee issues. **Meredith Blake** works for the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and has a broad background in the European Refugee Crisis.

10:00a-10:45a: Ending Political Corruption in MA (Session #34; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

by *Represent.Us Boston*

Session Description: Represent.Us is a grassroots organization working to end political corruption from the ground up. We are working to pass a state-wide Massachusetts ballot measure to fix our broken political finance system. By removing the overwhelming effect of corporate and large money donations from our state's political system, we can put our elections back in the hands of the voters! Come learn about Represent.Us, the ballot measure, and how you can help!

Bios: **Leyla Isik** is a postdoc in MIT's Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, and a volunteer with Represent.US Boston. **Cristian Morales** is a graduate student at Boston University, and head of the Represent.Us Boston Chapter.

10:00a-11:30a: Climate Justice and Energy Democracy: An Introduction (Session #37; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 154)

by *Fossil Free MIT*

Session Description: Join Fossil Free MIT in a workshop on Climate Justice and Energy Democracy. We'll explore the science and politics of climate justice and the opportunities to advance inclusive renewable energy in spite of the Trump Administration.

With oil executives and science denialists running the federal government, it's easy to feel hopeless about the climate crisis. But while DC may be paralyzed, universities, communities, and progressive states can keep moving forward. Attend this session to join the movement for a just and sustainable energy future.

Bios: The session will feature four interactive rounds of conversation in small groups, facilitated by the panelists:

- **Amber Houghstow** (Harvard Extension School) – the science and global justice implications of climate change
 - **Adam Hasz** (Fossil Free MIT) – the politics of climate denialism and the need to confront the fossil fuel industry
 - **Quinton Zondervan** (Green Cambridge) – the possibilities for 100% renewable energy in the US and in Massachusetts
 - **Becky Wasserman** (Resonant Energy) – the opportunity to expand solar access within Cambridge and Boston
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10:00a-11:00a: Assembling a Founder's Toolkit: A Workshop on Making Start-Ups LGBTQ-Inclusive (Session #55; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 144)

by *Sloan LGBTQI*

Session Description: Protecting LGBTQ workers from employment discrimination is equal parts policy and culture, leaving change an important responsibility of organization leaders. Until now, resource guides for improving LGBTQ inclusion in the workplace have been targeted at either business leaders of larger corporations or at allied peer employees. These resource guides are intended for HR teams with many resources and mature policies, or conversational interventions, respectively. With 48% of Americans employed in start-ups and small businesses, there is a need to create a resource guide that provides actionable recommendations for the more agile and personal environment of smaller organizations. This workshop will be used to assemble the contents of a “founder’s toolkit” for improving LGBTQ inclusion in early stage start-ups, which will be used in a guide with anticipated publication in summer of 2017.

Bios: **Sloan LGBTQI** is a student organization established to foster and promote an open and honest environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex students, partners, faculty and staff in the Sloan community. We seek to promote positive images of the LGBTQI community and to foster opportunities for personal and professional growth regardless of sexual preference or sexual identity.

10:00a-11:00a: The Future of US Healthcare Policy (Session #63; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *Jonathan Gruber*

Session Description: This lecture will explore the future of health care in the United States under the Trump Administration and beyond.

Bios: **Jonathan Gruber** is Ford Professor of Economics at MIT and was closely involved in health care reform both under Government Romney in Massachusetts and President Obama at the national level.

10:00a-11:30p: Change Starts at Home: Fake Science (and How to Fix It) (Session #87; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 160)

by *Piotr Mitros*

Session Description: Did you know that [Cambridge helped Trump win the election](#)? Westboro Baptist Church has done more to forward LGBT rights than most liberal activists groups? Many attempts at activism have opposite of the desired effect. We will briefly discuss how to work to effectively influence organizational systems (whether government, corporate, or otherwise) through both [hard tactics](#) and [soft tactics](#).

Concretely, we will focus on applying this to an area close to home – bad science. According to [Pew](#), roughly half of the US population does not believe in human-caused climate change. The public has developed a healthy distrust of science. Unfortunately, much of this skepticism is justified. Science, especially as presented in K-12 classrooms, popular press, and popular books, is [quite often](#) quite wrong. This undermines the credibility of science even when it is right. We will work

in small groups to explore some of the issues in the scientific establishment, and try to come up with ways to address them.

A [draft curriculum](#) with recommended pre-work is available. Session limited to 30 participants.

Bios: **Piotr Mitros** is Chief Scientist at edX.

10:00a-5:00p: Questions of Cultural Curiosity (Session #100; Location: [Stata Student Street](#))

organized by *MIT Leader to Leader (L2L) Program Alumni/ae*

Session Description: A “mailbox” will be placed in a key location in Stata where community members will be invited to anonymously deposit Questions of Cultural Curiosity (QCCs). These would be questions that people may have wanted to ask, but may not have known how to ask, e.g., “is Native American, American, Indian, or indigenous people the preferred language for describing members of our community who identify as Native?” When the day concludes, L2L alumni/ae will collect and sort the questions and then determine next steps. General information about the questions and their related themes will be posted on the ICEO website (or another website). The ultimate goal is not to respond to individual questions but rather to use the questions to inform the understanding of the needs and gaps within our community, particularly as it relates to culture, diversity, and inclusion. The organizers plan to share the questions and/or themes with appropriate senior leaders as well as leaders in related DLCs in order to inform current and/or future work in this area.

10:00a-10:45a: A Mobile Security Primer for Activists (Session #102; Location: [Building 66, Room 144](#))

by *Nathan Freitas* and *Erhardt Graeff*

Session Description: The workshop will provide an overview of security for activists and average citizens alike, focusing on various secure messaging apps available today, touching on their benefits and risks for different kinds of activities and communities. We will do a high-level summary of the various encryption schemes and communication protocols utilized, as well as explore how new applications can be built for these services using chatbots and other extensions.

Bios:

Nathan Freitas: Nathan Freitas leads a team of open-source mobile security hackers-for-good at the Guardian Project. He is the lead developer of Orbot: Tor for Android, which has been downloaded around the world over two million times, and is very proud the app appeared on leaked NSA slides with the text “easy to use!” next to it. Nathan has worked in mobile communications security software and systems for 15 years, with a deep set of experiences, organizations, applications, and platforms.

Erhardt Graeff: Erhardt Graeff is a sociologist and civic technologist. His work explores creative uses of media and technology for civic and political engagement. His recent writing has covered

youth digital activism, civic drone design, bots and information privacy, and political memes. He regularly leads workshops on civic media and participatory design for students, teachers, and social entrepreneurs. Erhardt is a PhD student at the Center for Civic Media in the MIT Media Lab and a founding trustee of The Awesome Foundation, which gives small grants to innovative and promising projects.

11:00a-12:00p: March 4th Movement - Lessons For Today (Session #1; Location: [Building 66, Room 168](#))

by *Ira Rubenzahl*

Session Description: Ira Rubenzahl, an organizer of the March 4th Movement, will describe lessons for today. In particular, how can scientists, engineers and academics of all stripes promote social justice and help save the planet. How can one lead a professional life while engaging constructively in political activism.

Bios: After earning a BA in mathematics from Princeton University and his doctorate in physics from MIT, **Ira Rubenzahl** worked as an independent community organizer in Lowell, Massachusetts for five years. He then began a career in community college teaching elected as President of the Massachusetts Community College Council/MTA, the union representing 1800 teachers, counselors and librarians. He subsequently served as President of Capital Community College in Hartford, Connecticut and Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, Massachusetts, institutions in two of the poorest cities in New England. In this capacity he worked to expand higher education to those of modest means while also participating in community renewal projects.

11:00a-3:00p: Science and Society Carnival (Session #10; Location: [Stata Student Street](#))

organized by *students of the History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society (HASTS) program*

Session Description: Is science political? Scholars who study the practice of science and the social impacts of science and technology have long recognized that science does have political dimensions. Research in biology impacts how we define and value people. Basic research in physics and chemistry has led both to helpful new products and serious threats to human health and wellbeing. The findings of climate science may contribute to the reshaping of economies and day to day life for billions globally. On the technical side, Melvin Kranzberg's enigmatic statement highlights a key problem for our times: "Technology is neither good nor bad; nor is it neutral." But what effects do technologies have? And what is our responsibility as scholars and researchers to analyze them, and to extend our voices outside the office, lab, or classroom, directly into political debates? How do we square science's political dimensions with the necessity that it not be partisan?

In this Science and Society Carnival we make these big questions approachable through a variety of games, interactive activities, an art installation, and conversational breakout sessions and

micro-talks. Among topics covered will be gender in science; food production, climate, and environmental justice; privacy and security issues in information technology; interpreting news and “data”; and the funding structure of research. Visitors will leave with new tools and resources for thinking about science and society and evaluating debates about science occurring around us today.

Bios: The carnival is organized by **students of MIT’s History, Anthropology, Science, Technology, and Society (HASTS) Program.**

11:00a-12:00p: How to Use Media Cloud for Activism (Session #15; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 144)

by *Natalie Gyenes* and *Anushka Shah*

Session Description: The news plays a critical role in civic engagement today. Our existing knowledge of an issue, the ability to identify with a cause, or empathize with a group within civic movements, often depends on how the news educates us about these. To deconstruct the influence of news in order to construct public opinion, design media campaigns, and strategize advocacy is key to improving civic engagement. In this talk, we will present Media Cloud, a big data, open-source platform designed to bring together media and civic engagement. Developed by the Center for Civic Media at the MIT Media Lab and the Harvard Berkman Klein Center, this web-based tool aggregates news stories daily from over 50,000 sources across the world, and delivers analysis and visualizations on media influence and attention.

Bios: This workshop is led by two members of **Media Cloud: Center for Civic Media**, MIT Media Lab:

- **Anushka Shah:** Anushka is a lead researcher on the Media Cloud team, building on her experience in activism, fieldwork and media analysis. Her area of focus lies at intersection of political participation and media messaging, developing strategies for political change. Anushka has a special interest in the use of fiction to carry messages to wide audiences and foster civic engagement.
 - **Natalie Gyenes:** Natalie is a fellow at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, and a research affiliate at the MIT Media Lab. Her work draws on experience in the fields of human rights, applied epidemiology, and behavioral science. Natalie’s research focuses on how digital media portrays and influences issues of health equity, access and stigma.
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11:00a-12:00p: White Folks Holding One Another Accountable to Dismantle Racism: The Role of White Accountability/’Caucus’ Groups (Session #70; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 124)

organized by *members of the White Person’s Accountability Group (Ora Gladstone, Libby Mahaffy, and Ryan Kruis)*

Session Description: Dismantling racism and working towards racial equity are critical to MIT, both if it is to thrive as a diverse institution and if it is to make good on its commitment to making a better world. Too often at MIT the burden of educating others on racism falls on those most affected: students, staff, and faculty of color. How can white members of the MIT community increase their understanding of racism, without relying solely on their peers and colleagues of color? How can white people better hold one another accountable to addressing both personal and systemic racism in their spheres of influence? Forming a white anti-racist accountability group (or finding a white anti-racist accountability partner) can be one tool to help white people be better partners with people of color in combating racism. These sorts of “caucuses” are commonly used among anti-racist organizing groups in academic and non-academic spaces. The White Person’s Accountability Group (WPAG) will host a forum to discuss the value and role of anti-racist white people caucusing with one another. Two members of the group—Libby Mahaffy and Ryan Kruis—will present their experiences and lessons learned from forming an ad hoc accountability group at MIT. They will discuss important considerations to be made for those thinking of starting similar groups and specific topics best addressed in these settings. Most importantly, the presenters will highlight the importance of such groups being accountable to peers and colleagues of color and tailored to their particular areas or institutions. Anyone from the MIT community is invited to attend.

Bios:

Libby Mahaffy, Conflict Management@MIT: Libby Mahaffy heads Conflict Management@MIT in the Division of Student Life at MIT. She is a seasoned conflict management trainer, certified coach, facilitator, and mediator. She is the creator and lead trainer for MIT’s 3-Tier (40 hour) Conflict Management training, and also provides shorter trainings to the MIT community throughout the year.

Ryan Kruis, MindHandHeart: Ryan Kruis is the Sr. Program Manager for the MindHandHeart Initiative at MIT. He is a licensed clinical social worker with diverse public health and higher education experience. Kruis began doing health equity work while managing multiple research and education grants at The Fenway Institute of Fenway Health, and he is still an active member of the New England Racial Justice and Health Equity Collaborative.

11:00a-12:00p: Cambridge as a Sanctuary City: What it Means for Immigrants in Cambridge
(Session #82; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

by *Brian Corr / City of Cambridge Peace Commission & Nancy Schlacter / City of Cambridge Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship*

Session Description: The current national political climate has generated considerable concern and anxiety on the part of many Cambridge residents, especially members of immigrant communities. As a “Sanctuary City,” Cambridge affirms the basic human rights and dignity of every human being and provides education, health and other services to all residents of Cambridge, regardless of their immigration status. This session will provide an overview of the City of Cambridge’s 32 years of being a sanctuary city, what that means, what resources and support is available, and how

the municipal government implements its commitment to supporting and promoting the safety, health, and well-being of all its residents.

Bios:

Brian Corr, Executive Director, City of Cambridge Peace Commission: Brian Corr has served as Executive Secretary of the Police Review & Advisory Board for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts since September 2010 and as Executive Director of the city's Peace Commission since 2008. The Police Review & Advisory Board is the city's civilian oversight agency, while the Peace Commission works with other municipal agencies, communities of faith, nonprofit organizations, and the community as a whole to: build connections and strengthen relationships; promote positive dialogue and foster understanding; and coordinate compassionate community responses to support recovery and healing in the wake of traumatic events and violence affecting Cambridge and its residents. Before joining the municipal government, Mr. Corr worked as the first statewide field organizer for the ACLU of Massachusetts, where he organized "civil liberties task forces" across the state, including one focused on civilian oversight in response to allegations of police misconduct and racial profiling in the City of Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Corr is the President of National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), has served on the Board of Directors of NACOLE since 2012, and served as the association's Vice-President in 2013 and 2014. He holds certifications in Group Crisis Intervention and Post-Traumatic Stress Management/Psychological First Aid, and has completed the Police Chaplain Twelve Core Courses Training through the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Mr. Corr has a B.A. in Russian Literature and Language from the University of Michigan and has completed Negotiation and Leadership course at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

Nancy Schlacter, Executive Director, City of Cambridge Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship: Nancy Schlacter is the Executive Director of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission and the recently formed Commission on Immigrant Rights & Citizenship (CIRC). In her role as ED of CIRC, Ms. Schlacter works with eleven volunteer Commissioners, who are themselves immigrants or work with immigrant communities, to identify challenges and concerns facing immigrants residing in Cambridge and look for ways the City can support and encourage its immigrant communities with integrating into life in Cambridge. Challenges posed by recent Executive Orders and increased enforcement by ICE have been the focus of the Commission's early work, as they endeavor to provide Know Your Rights trainings around the city for vulnerable immigrant populations.

11:00a-12:00p: Causes and Consequences of the Rise of Right-Wing Populism (Session #93; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 123)

a panel discussion featuring *Daron Acemoglu*, *Abhijit Banerjee*, and *Michael Piore*

Session Description: This panel will discuss the economic, social and political forces leading to the rise of right-wing populism in the United States and Europe, and their consequences for future economic and political developments.

Bios: **Daron Acemoglu** is Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at MIT. **Abhijit Banerjee** is Ford International Professor of Economics at MIT. **Michael Piore** is David W. Skinner Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus, at MIT.

11:00a-1:00p: Living Laborama (Session #101; Location: [Stata TSMC Lobby](#))

hosted by *the Office of Sustainability*

Session Description: Join us for fun, food and a pop-up showcase that celebrates research that uses the MIT Campus as a Test Bed for sustainability and climate related research. Participants will have an opportunity to discover the story of campus-based research by interacting with research teams and by experiencing live demonstrations, models, props, simulations and a Poster Jam. Featuring the work of the Urban Risk Lab, Central Utilities Plant, Energy MIT, Wang Lab, IS&T, Office of Digital Learning, ChemE Dept and more! Bring your curiosity and ideas to the Stata Center Lobby (Kapoor Sculpture / Collier Cranes), April 18 @11am-1pm.

11:15a-12:15p: Strategies for Improving the Quality of Jobs (Session #69; Location: [Building 32, Room 141](#))

by *Tom Kochan*

Session Description: I will review why the quality of jobs has declined and suggest public policy, organizational and institutional innovations and strategies, and ways to rebuild worker bargaining power that together can improve job quality now and in the future.

Bios: **Thomas Kochan** is the George Maverick Bunker Professor of Management, a Professor of Work and Employment Research, and the CoDirector of the MIT Sloan Institute for Work and Employment Research at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

11:45a-12:30p: Big Data & Discrimination (Session #76; Location: [Building 56, Room 114](#))

by *Kate Vredenburg* and *Ronni Gura Sadovsky*

Session Description: Sophisticated data analysis techniques have expanded our ability to predict human behavior using big data. Today, software employing these techniques is deployed to generate credit scores, sort job candidates and even recommend outcomes in parole hearings. Do these algorithms help us reduce human bias? Do they merely mask it? How can software engineers, regulators and stakeholders work together to reduce discrimination in the new world of big data? In this short session, we invite you to learn about the problems of big data and develop proposals to solve them.

Bios: **Kate Vredenburg** and **Ronni Gura Sadovsky** are both PhD candidates in the Harvard Philosophy Department.

12:00p-1:00p: Disobedience and its Reward (Session #12; Location: [Building 26](#), Room 100)

by *Joi Ito* and *Ethan Zuckerman*

12:00p-1:30p: Literature: Light in Times of Darkness (Session #26; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 144)

organized by *Helen Elaine Lee* and *Ruth Perry* and featuring *additional speakers*

Session Description: Literary texts (stories, poems, essays, meditations) have captured in expressive language much of what people have felt about living in the world. Whether read or spoken, literature has helped us to survive and prevail in difficult times. This session will bring to our attention to importance of literature, both now and in the past, as it reminds us of our common humanity and what really matters.

Bios:

Helen Elaine Lee is Director of MIT's Program in Women's & Gender Studies and Professor in Comparative Media Studies/Writing. She is a novelist, short story writer, and essayist. She has taught in prisons and written about prisoners, and at MIT she teaches classes on writing fiction.

Ruth Perry is Ann Fetter Friedlaender Professor of Humanities in MIT's Literature Department and a MacVicar Fellow. She has published on 18th C. English literature and culture, balladry, orality, women's cultural traditions, and the Scottish Enlightenment. She teaches classes at MIT on folk music, Jane Austen, reading fiction, and feminist literary criticism.

12:00p-2:00p: Training Active Bystanders Workshop (Session #57; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 160)

by *Dan Ottenheimer* and *Marion Magill*

Session Description: This 2-hour workshop, designed by Quabbin Mediation of Orange MA, helps participants respond to the recent increase in public incidents of hatred. We review examples of harm in the community, explore the roles of the people involved in harmful incidents, discuss the inhibitors and promoters of active bystandership, and brainstorm on effective ways to take action.

Bios: The presenters are founding members of the Boston Active Bystanders Coalition: members of local non-profit organizations, their mission is to build a more inclusive community by providing workshops on how to respond when we witness bigotry and intolerance. Dan Ottenheimer is an MIT alumnus and former Course II Lecturer whose career at global High Tech companies gave him a full appreciation of the value of all individuals regardless of background. Marion Magill is a Public School teacher in a district with a highly diverse socio-economic-cultural background. Both are Arlington residents and members of Shir Tzedek, the Social Justice Group at Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester.

12:00p-2:00p: Understanding the Connection Between Oppression and Partner Abuse (Session #59; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 162)

by *Genevieve Rodriguez*

Session Description: The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in LGBTQ/T communities, SM, and Polyamorous communities. We believe that abuse is directly rooted in all forms of oppression. The tactics that abusers use to exert power and control over survivors are the same tactics that oppressive systems use to control marginalized groups. Therefore, we cannot talk about abuse without talking about oppression. This facilitated discussion will be grounded in the connection in how we define partner abuse, why abuse happens, the connection between abuse and oppression, and supporting survivors.

Bios:

Genevieve Rodriguez: Community organizer at the Network/la Red. Queer Latinx Survivor.

Joha Mateo Van Osten: Volunteer Coordinator at the Network/la Red. Queer Latinx Survivor.

12:00p-2:00p: Resistance on Film: Rome Open City - followed by Q&A with Ezra Haber Glenn and Giuliana Minghelli (Session #60.5; Location: [Building 46](#), Room 3002)

organized by *Ezra Haber Glenn / Department of Urban Studies & Planning*

12:00p-1:30p: World Music Hangout: Music Across Borders (Session #66; Location: [Building 14E](#), Room 109, Lewis Music Library)

organized by *the Lewis Music Library and the International Student Office*

Session Description: This is an informal, open mic format for MIT community to gather and share music from around the world. Participants are invited to perform, talk about their instruments, use our piano, or bring recorded music to share. We will provide light refreshments.

Bios: This is a joint session hosted by the Lewis Music Library and the International Student Office.

12:15p-1:15p: Accountability Without Democracy (Session #14; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 124)

by *Lily Tsai*

Session Description: “This is what democracy looks like” was repeated on both sides of the aisle following the recent U.S. national elections. The phrase points to different ways that citizens engage their governments – through voting, protest, and many other forms of compliance and

resistance. What makes government accountable to the people? What does accountability look like without democracy? How do social movements and civic engagement play out under different governance structures? Drawing from research in China and East Africa, MIT Professor and GOV/LAB Faculty Director Lily Tsai will offer a teach-in on “accountability without democracy”, highlighting what civic engagement looks like in different country contexts and the many forms action can take.

Bios: Professor **Lily Tsai** (full bio: <http://www.mitgovlab.org/team/lily-tsai/>) is Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT and the Director of MIT GOV/LAB (www.mitgovlab.org).

12:15p-1:15p: Putting a Price on Carbon in MA (Session #36; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

a panel discussion featuring *Jen Benson, Sam Anderson, Emil Dimantchev, and Chris Knittel*

Session Description: Here’s a substantial and concrete way to take local action against climate change. The MIT community has stated emphatically (e.g. 2015 Climate Conversation report, 2015 Climate Action Plan) that pricing carbon is a necessary and key step to limit catastrophic climate change. While US-level climate action is in limbo, momentum for state-level action is building, and MA is leading the way with two different “fee and rebate” carbon pricing bills this session. Get the lowdown from a panel of MA state legislators, MIT researchers, and activists, and learn how you can help make MA a stronger climate leader.

Bios: Panelists include **MA Rep. Jen Benson*** (37th Middlesex), **Sam Anderson** (counsel to MA Sen. Mike Barrett, 3rd Middlesex), **MIT Prof. Chris Knittel** (CEEPR), and **Emil Dimantchev**, MIT graduate student in the Selin Group and Joint Program on Science and Policy of Global Change.

12:15p-1:15p: Criminal Justice and Race: Perspectives from Law and Neuroscience (Session #92; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 123)

a panel discussion featuring *Rebecca Saxe and Deborah Ramirez*

Session Description: Panelists will offer insights into how both naive moral intuitions and formal criminal justice processes can be affected by race.

Bios: **Rebecca Saxe** is a cognitive neuroscientist, studying how people think about other people. **Deborah Ramirez** is a criminal justice expert, with specific expertise in legal issues around race and counter-terrorism.

12:30p-1:15p: Nuclear Weapons and Survival (Session #29; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *R. Scott Kemp*

Session Description: How risky are nuclear weapons? Is the risk of nuclear war significant? Do they really pose an existential threat? This short lecture will introduce the current dilemma around nuclear weapons including as they might concern civic society. After the lecture, there will be an opportunity to meet nuclear activists on campus and in the community.

Bios: **R. Scott Kemp** is the Norman C. Rasmussen Associate Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering at MIT, and director of the MIT Laboratory for Nuclear Security and Policy. In 2010 and 2011, he served as Science Advisor in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Special Advisor for Nonproliferation and Arms Control where he was responsible for framing the technical negotiations on Iran's nuclear program. At MIT, his research combines physics, politics, and history to help find policy options for achieving international security under both technical and societal constraints.

12:30p-1:45p: Are the Seeds of Fascism Being Sown in the U.S.? (Session #64; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 154)

by *Toni Rossi* and *Bruce Price*

Session Description: Could the Trump/Pence administration institute fascism in this country? Is it right to name this fascism? What will be the impact for humanity if they are not stopped? What could and should be done to prevent this? This panel will evaluate the threat and explore differing views. Moderated by Dr. Bruce Price.

Bios: Panelists include **PZ Myers**, Biologist and founder of Science Blog Pharyngula, **Andy Zee** from Refuse Fascism, and others to be announced.

12:45p-1:30p: Recharging for the Activist (Session #41; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 191)

by *MIT Radius / Technology and Culture Forum*

Session Description: Join us for 30 minutes to learn techniques to reduce stress, develop ways to learn mindfulness, gain the ability to focus. A portion of the time will be spend practicing some mindfulness techniques; resources will be available, particularly apps that can be used to gain control of your devices and ways to "power down". In this time we will offer a space for meditation and recharging for activists. Research shows that everyone can benefit from time and space to drop down into themselves and reconnect so they don't burn out. Mindfulness and quiet contemplation can be the yin to activism's yang.

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Bios: **Patricia-Maria Weinmann** is Associate Coordinator, MIT Radius. **Elizabeth Wood** is Professor of History at MIT and long-time meditator and meditation teacher.

12:45p-2:45p: Gerrymandering: Mathematics and Fairness in Theory and Practice (Session #51; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 168)

by *the Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group*

Session Description: We all know that gerrymandering (or rigging voting districts through funny shapes) is a thing, and a bad thing indeed. Gerrymandering has a storied history in the U.S., with racial discrimination, incumbent protection, and partisan warfare all in the mix. In this session we'll activate your geometry brain, your civil rights brain, and your laptop simultaneously. We'll start with an informational presentation about us and our project, and then we'll walk you through the use of QGIS to compute simple "compactness" scores for congressional districts. We're currently putting together a local technical team to support civil rights groups, so if you like this we may have a new hobby for you!

Preregistration is super helpful so we can make sure you have QGIS running on your laptop at the outset.

Bios: **Mira Bernstein** (Tufts, Science, Technology, and Society) is the main presenter. Supporting team members include **Justin Solomon** (MIT, EECS) and **Moon Duchin** (Tufts, Math and STS). Collectively we are 3/4 of the **Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group**, a local research team dedicated to studying the geometry of redistricting with the aim of creating fairer elections and healthier democracy.

1:00p-4:30p: Day of Action Data Rescue (Session #13; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 144)

organized by *Civic Data Design Lab + DUSPviz*

Session Description: Day of Action Data Rescue is an opportunity for MIT community members, students, staff, faculty, and event attendees to meet to identify, back-up, and help preserve at-risk federal data resources in the public interest, before they have the chance of being suppressed from public view and use. This session will involve users bringing laptops and downloading data to a shared repository for storage. Attendees with particular interest in data scraping, data collection, and data analysis are encouraged to participate to help others.

Bios: **Mike Foster** is a Cartographer, GIS and Data Visualization Specialist and Instructor at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

1:30p-3:00p: Illiberal Democracies (Session #9; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 123)

moderated by *Jeffrey S. Ravel*

Session Description: A panel discussion moderated by Jeffrey S. Ravel, Professor and Head of the History Faculty with 10-minute presentations by four MIT historians

Bios: The panelists are:

- **Christopher Capozzola**, Associate Professor of History, who will present “From Martial Law to People Power...and Back Again? Democracy and Discontent in the Philippines”
- **Tanalis Padilla**, Associate Professor of History, who will present “Mexico: From Perfect Dictatorship to Illiberal Democracy”
- **Emma Teng**, T.T. and Wei Fong Chao Professor of Asian Civilizations and MacVicar Faculty Fellow, who will present “Chinese Exclusion as a Symptom of Illiberal Democracy (1882-1943)”
- **Elizabeth Wood**, Professor of History, who will present “Roots of Russia’s Illiberal Regime: How did an Ostensible Democracy Transition to an Autocracy”

1:30p-4:30p: Make Change, Make Zines! A Day of Action Zine-Making Space (Session #22; Location: [Building 7](#), Room 238, Rotch Library Map Space)

organized by *Alena McNamara, Rhonda Kauffman, Sofia Leung, and Anna Boutin*

Session Description: Join together with MIT librarians Alena McNamara, Rhonda Kauffman, Sofia Leung, and Anna Boutin to channel your thoughts, feelings, and ideas from the Day of Action into zines! Prompt questions and materials will be provided, but you can also bring along your own, so drop by any time between the hours of 1:30pm and 4:30pm to learn more and create your own zine to share.

Bios:

Anna Boutin is a Librarian for the School of Architecture + Planning at MIT Libraries, working primarily with the Department of Architecture and the Program in Art, Culture, and Technology.

Rhonda Kauffman has been making zines since 1995 and is actively involved with the Zine Librarians Interest Group, and is the Bibliographic Metadata Associate at MIT Libraries.

Sofia Leung is the Teaching & Learning Program Manager and Liaison Librarian to Comparative Media Studies at MIT Libraries.

Alena McNamara is a Librarian for the School of Architecture + Planning at MIT Libraries, working primarily with Department of Urban Studies and Planning and the Center for Real Estate.

1:30p-2:15p: The Economics and Politics of Brexit (Session #31; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

by *John Van Reenen*

Session Description: The vote by Britain to become the first country to leave the European Union sent shock-waves around the world. But what will be the effects of “Brexit” on incomes and inequality in the UK and in other countries? Why did people vote to leave a club they had belonged to for over three decades and what lessons does it hold for the US and other countries?

Bios: [Professor John Van Reenen](#) is a jointly appointed Professor of Applied Economics at the MIT Sloan School of Management and in the Department of Economics.

1:30p-2:45p: Philosophy of Racial Justice (Session #50; Location: [Stata Dreyfoos 9th floor lounge](#))

by *Kevin Richardson* and *Darien Pollock*

Session Description: Recently we’ve seen the re-emergence of explicitly anti-Black, anti-Hispanic, and anti-Arab racism in US politics. In this discussion, we’ll think about racism as a political project (or political philosophy). We’ll also think about positive conceptions of racial justice. Facilitators will give brief presentations (5-8 minutes) and moderate discussion.

Bios: [Kevin Richardson](#) is a PhD student in the MIT Philosophy Department. He is a former president of the MIT Black Graduate Student Association. Starting in Fall 2017, he will be Assistant Professor of Philosophy at North Carolina State University. His research concerns the ways that humans explain and structure the world.

1:30p-3:30p: Resistance on Film: Free Angela and All Political Prisoners - followed by Q&A with Sally Haslanger and Rose Lenehan (Session #60.1; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 114)

organized by *Sally Haslanger*

1:30p-2:30p: Current Municipal and State Political, Social and Economic Struggles (Session #74; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

a panel discussion moderated by *Jonathan King*

Session Description: This forum will be addressed by leaders in local struggles that surround the MIT community; State Legislative Initiatives for Housing and Wages; Fight for \$15/hour and Millionaires Tax; Cambridge Housing Battles and the Role of MIT; Defending the T from Privatization; Amending the Mass. Democratic Party Platform.

Bios: [Mike Connolly](#) is the State Representative recently elected from East Cambridge and East Somerville; [Lee Farris](#) is Vice-President of the Cambridge Residents Alliance, active in preserving and expanding affordable housing in Cambridge; [John Ratliff](#) is an officer of Mass Senior

Action and active in the Raise-Up Coalition for decent wages; **John Doherty** from Painters and Allied trades is the Coordinator of the MBTA Coalition, representing unions and T-Riders; **Caroline Mak** is active in MIT Democrats and in Our Revolution Cambridge. **Max Tegmark** is Professor of Physics at MIT.

Jonathan King (MIT Faculty for Democracy) will chair the forum.

1:30p-2:30p: MIT Activism in the 80s and 90s: Voices from the Past (Session #85; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 124)

by *Debbie Douglas / MIT Museum*

Session Description: Curious about activism at MIT after the 60s? Ever heard of The Thistle? Want to learn about the issues that have motivated students and faculty to get involved in protest actions in the era of apartheid, AIDS, Iran-Contra, and women's rights concerns? Interested in hearing first hand accounts. This session will be introduced by Debbie Douglas (MIT Museum) and followed by a special presentation by Steven Penn who organized countless actions during his decade at MIT between 1984 and 1994. Contributing to the session will be Prof. Ruth Perry, who organized "Teaching against Racism" and MIT's pornography wars. Additional faculty, staff and alumni from this period have been invited to contribute their stories as well. As a special bonus, the museum will bring out several original posters and documents from its collections.

This session will move to room 56-162 at 2:30pm and continue there until 4:00pm.

Bios: **Steven Penn**, one of MIT's most prominent left-wing student activists during the 1980s and 1990s transferred to MIT from Caltech in 1984 staying through his PhD in nuclear physics in 1994. From founding The Thistle to the organization of the Shanty Town in front of the Student Center, Penn became the inspirational face of student protest during the Reagan-Bush era. **Prof. Ruth Perry**, Literature, co-founded MIT's Women's Studies program in 1984, an unexpectedly radical act. A constant voice for progressive causes at MIT since her arrival in 1971, Perry, will speak about one of MIT's most distinctive efforts: an entire day when the faculty agreed to integrate the subject of racism into their classes. **Deborah Douglas** is the Director of Collections at the MIT Museum and regularly teaches STS.050, "The History of MIT." She has organized exhibitions about MIT's protest actions and is currently leading the restoration project of Ricky Leacock's unfinished film "November Actions" about the 1969 student protest.

2:00p-3:30p: But What Do I Do Instead? A Workshop to Counteract the "Bystander's Dilemma" (Session #23; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 144)

by *Libby Mahaffy*

Session Description: We've all experienced situations we felt weren't right – a friend making a sexist joke or a supervisor verbally berating a supervisee in public – but we're not always sure what to *do* in those situations. Should you intervene? Is calling someone out the only way to do

it? Those situations are called “bystander moments,” and there are options for dealing with them productively and effectively. Participants in this workshop will learn a variety of strategies for standing up instead of standing by in a tough situation, and practice those strategies so they will be more equipped – and more likely – to act when another situation comes along. This workshop promises to be interactive and engaging, with immediately useful tools.

Bios: **Libby Mahaffy** heads Conflict Management@MIT in the Division of Student Life at MIT. She is a seasoned conflict management trainer, coach, facilitator, and mediator. She is the creator and lead trainer for MIT’s 3-Tier Conflict Management training, which is a 40-hour training run three times a year. The primary audience is students, both graduate and undergraduate, but other MIT community members round out each cohort. In addition to the 3-Tier trainings, Libby offers a variety of shorter trainings and workshops in the suite of conflict management skills – e.g., Bystander Intervention, Inter-Cultural Communication, Negotiation – as well as serves as the lead trainer and administrator for the REFS program (Resources for Easing Friction and Stress, a peer conflict management program). Libby also provides the undergraduate and graduate student populations with direct conflict management services, such as short- and long-term coaching, mediation, facilitation, and restorative practices. Outside of MIT, she is a Principal with Active Neutrals, a Boston-based conflict management training group, and is a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach (CPCC). With a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan in Spanish and social science, and a master’s degree from Tufts University in urban and environmental policy and planning, Libby brings a social and environmental justice perspective to her interpersonal work.

2:00p-3:30p: Multicultural Stories and Activities for Kids (Session #24; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 191)

Session Description: Members of the anthropology program will read stories from around the world for kids ages 3-6, exploring themes of diversity and inclusion from a variety of global perspectives. Picture books will be available for younger kids, along with chapter books for older readers and resources for parents. Also featuring a variety of games and other activities for families.

Bios:

Christine Walley, Professor of Anthropology at MIT, has researched rural development in Tanzania and deindustrialization in Chicago.

Jean Jackson, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at MIT, studies indigenous culture and politics in Colombia.

Graham Jones, Associate Professor of Anthropology at MIT, has done fieldwork with magicians and acrobats around the world.

2:00p-3:30p: Documenting Cultural Heritage as an Act of Resistance (Session #91; Location: [Building 7](#), Room 134A, Rotch Library Conf. Room)

by *Michael Toler*

Session Description: The Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT (AKDC@MIT) is a research center dedicated to collecting, creating, and disseminating material and visual culture of Muslim societies. At a time when government policy inhibits international cultural and educational exchange, the activities of a center like AKDC@MIT take on increased importance, even as we face new impediments to our efforts. During this session, visitors will learn about resources in the AKDC collection, and discuss how cultural exchange can be a form of resistance to governmental policies intended to exacerbate differences between the people of different nations, religions, races and ethnicities.

Bios: **Michael A. Toler** is the content Manager for Archnet in the Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT.

2:00p-5:00p: Getting the stats across, from bench to broadcast (Session #103; Location: [Broad Institute](#))

a panel discussion featuring *Rebecca Goldin, Emilie Marcus, Trevor Butterworth, Christopher Labos, and Tracey Brown*

2:15p-3:45p: Eugenics: A Continuing Legacy? (Session #20; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 160)

by *Erica James, Amy Moran-Thomas, and Stefan Helmreich*

Session Description: A nation's body politic is made up of individuals, populations, communities. Who belongs and who does not? Who decides? Taking as a launching point recent US political debates about immigration, ethnicity, religion, and race, we offer anthropological perspectives on the histories of these discussions. A centerpiece for our conversation will be (excerpts from) the film *The Lynchburg Story* (1995), about the 20th century history of the eugenic sterilization of lower income white Americans in Virginia who were deemed 'feeble-minded' and about the inspiration that these eugenics programs gave to Nazi policies and practices. We will also watch excerpts of *No Más Bebés* (2015), about the sterilization of immigrant Mexican mothers in Los Angeles in the 1970s, and *The State of Eugenics* (2016), about forced sterilization programs in North Carolina between the 1930s and 1970s. We will ask whether and to what extent eugenic thinking and practice has attenuated or persisted in American public culture.

Bios: **Erica James** is Associate Professor of Anthropology at MIT and Director of the MIT Global Health and Medical Humanities Initiative (GHMHI).

Amy Moran-Thomas is Professor of Anthropology at MIT.

Stefan Helmreich is Professor and Head of Anthropology at MIT.

2:30p-5:00p: Resistance on Film: All the President's Men - followed by Q&A with Ezra Haber Glenn (Session #60.6; Location: [Building 46](#), Room 3002)

organized by *Ezra Haber Glenn / Department of Urban Studies & Planning*

2:45p-3:45p: Beyond Bathrooms: Bureaucracy and Queer Youth (Session #58; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 124)

by *Alex Nally / MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth*

Session Description: Beyond Bathrooms: Bureaucracy and Queer Youth is a workshop that aims to describe the MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth's approach to community-based policy development and fully unpack the meaning of "public accommodations" and the recent law's protections for the trans/GNC community of Massachusetts. Workshop attendees will leave with an understanding of how grassroots organizations can partner with state agencies like the Commission to effect meaningful changes across the political spectrum, as well as an understanding of the statutes and ordinances which help protect LGBTQ folks in Massachusetts. No prior knowledge of public policy or government is required, and there will be ample opportunities for questions and strategizing.

Bios: **Alex Nally** was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth in 2014 where they are a Vice Chair and oversee the Safe Schools Program, as well as the drafting of state agency policy recommendations. Alex continues to also serve as the liaison between the Commission and the Department of Higher Education, and is a Candidate for Juris Doctor / Master of Science in Law & Public Policy at Northeastern University.

3:00p-4:30p: Why March (or Not): Let's Talk (Session #11; Location: [Building 26](#), Room 100)

a panel discussion featuring *John Fernandez, Deborah Fitzgerald, Linda Griffith, and S.P. Kothari* moderated by *JJ Jackson*

Session Description: Four senior faculty members will participate in a moderated discussion about social and political differences in society today, focusing on why the individuals chose to march, or not to march in events including the Women's March, Immigration Rally, March for Science, and People's Climate March. The session aims to illuminate a range of political and social views through respectful dialogue.

Bios: The **panelists** are:

- **John E. Fernandez**, Professor of Architecture and Director, Environmental Solutions Initiative
- **Deborah Fitzgerald**, Cutten Professor of the History of Technology

- **Linda G. Griffith**, School of Engineering Professor of Teaching Innovation, Biological Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering
- **S.P. Kothari**, Billard Professor of Accounting and Finance

Edmund Bertschinger, Professor of Physics and Institute Community and Equity Officer at MIT, is the organizer and will give opening remarks.

JJ Jackson is MIT Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Office of the Provost, and will moderate.

3:00p-4:15p: Taking Action Against Climate Change (Session #44; Location: [Stata Amphitheater \(outside\)](#))

by *Fossil Free MIT*

Session Description: This session will offer a hands-on chance to take action supporting current climate mobilizations and campaigns. During the first half of the session, participants will be provided with poster- and banner-making materials to make signs for the upcoming March for Science on 4/22 and the People’s Climate March on 4/29. Materials and information will also be made available for writing letters to MA governor Charlie Baker in support of bolder leadership on climate change, and for calling MA state representatives and senators in support of carbon pricing and renewables deployment bills that are being considered during the current legislative session. During the second half of the session, participants will take photos with their posters at iconic MIT locations, and use these photos to advertise and recruit for the Science March and People’s Climate March. Participants will also be given poster and flyer materials to spread throughout campus in support of these mobilizations.

Bios: **Fossil Free MIT** is a group of students, faculty, and staff committed to climate change action. We act to empower members of the MIT community by creating awareness surrounding the urgency of climate change and giving them frameworks and tools to make a difference on a systemic scale. We open dialogue between the MIT community, administration, and the public. We connect individuals who are passionate about taking a stand for science and the basic human rights a changing climate imperils. And we challenge ourselves and our communities, within MIT and without, to do more for a sustainable, just, and healthy future.

3:00p-4:00p: Promoting Neighborhood Racial Integration: Ideas from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center (Session #77; Location: [Building 32, Room 155](#))

by *Rob Breymaier*

Session Description: Rob Breymaier, Executive Director of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, will discuss how the Housing Center has transformed and sustained a racially integrated community in Oak Park, IL. For 45 years, the Housing Center has provided a combination of direct services and policy advocacy to create a community that goes beyond the promotion of diversity

to ensure residential integration. Hear about the successes of the past 45 years, the work yet to be accomplished, and how this program could be replicated in communities across the nation.

Bios: **Rob Breymeier** is the Executive Director of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, in Oak Park, IL. He is an expert on fair housing and integration, having worked in the field since 2004.

3:15p-4:45p: Lessons in Nonviolent Resistance from Global Movements (Session #79; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 154)

by *Jamila Raqib*

Session Description: This session will introduce participants to the topic of nonviolent resistance, a pragmatic technique of action that uses social, economic, and political tools to either preserve systems, governments, or policies, or to undermine them. We will also discuss the importance of strategic planning and how groups can develop wise plans for greater effectiveness. Case studies will be used throughout the session to illustrate the fundamental principles of the technique.

Bios: **Jamila Raqib** is the Executive Director of the Albert Einstein Institution which promotes the study and use of nonviolent resistance in conflict.

3:15p-4:15p: Police-Community Relations (Session #90; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *Robert McKersie*

Session Description: Participants will watch a 20 minute video of a panel discussing issues involved in police-community relations that took place at the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinic. Panelists included two police chiefs from nearby communities and members of the African American community. MIT police chief, John Di Fava will comment during the discussion period.

Bios:

John DiFava is Chief of Police at MIT.

Adriel Borshansky is a research associate at Harvard Law School.

Robert McKersie is professor emeritus at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

3:30p-4:15p: Recharging for the Activist (Session #41.5; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 191)

by *MIT Radius / Technology and Culture Forum*

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Bios: **Patricia-Maria Weinmann** is Associate Coordinator, MIT Radius. **Elizabeth Wood** is Professor of History at MIT and long-time meditator and meditation teacher.

3:45p-5:15p: Securing a Progressive Urban Agenda (Session #43; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 144)

organized by *students of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning*

Session Description: How can American cities protect marginalized communities while continuing to push progressive urban agendas forward? Join a conversation with community organizers and local leaders to identify the actionable items Cambridge, Somerville, and other American cities can and should be pursuing. Breakout groups will focus on the role of research in organizing, support for sanctuary cities and restaurants, and the promise of local policy.

Bios:

Yamila Ruiz is Research and Policy Organizer, Restaurant Opportunities Centers United. **Ben Echevarria** is Executive Director, The Welcome Project. **Nadeem Mazen** is City Councillor, City of Cambridge.

4:00p-6:00p: Poetry Across Borders (Session #18; Location: [Building 6](#), Room 120)

organized by *Nick Montfort* and *Ed Barrett*

Session Description: Come share poems from cultures beyond the US. We welcome participants who will read or recite poems from other cultures, in the original language and in translation. You do not need to be a poet or translator to take part. We only ask that you share a poem you love. You can email us before-hand or sign up to read at the event.

Bios: Presenters include students, staff, and faculty; people may sign up at the event. Those who have signed up already include: **Allie Hexley**, **Andres Rios Tascon**, **Cynthia Yang**, **Diego Cornejo Barra**, **Ed Barrett**, **Ellen Crocker**, **Jing Wang** and **Hongliang Wang**, **Marc Lowenthal**, **Margery Resnick**, **Michel DeGraff**, **Nick Montfort**, **Patsy Baudoin**, **Sofian Audry**, **Stephen Tapscott**, **Valentina Chamorro**, and **Yusef Audeh**.

4:00p-5:00p: Citizen Media Resistance (Session #32; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 160)

by *Karl Surkan*

Session Description: How to write a blog post/op-ed, letter/postcard campaign, and/or a discussion of how to optimize resistance using social media.

Bios: **Dr. Karl Surkan** has been a lecturer in the Women and Gender Studies program at MIT for over ten years and will be teaching at the Yale Summer Institute in Bioethics later this year.

4:00p-7:00p: Social Emergency Response Center (SERC) (Session #48; Location: [Stata Forbes Cafe](#))

sponsored by *Social Emergency Responders* reporting from the *Department of Urban Studies and Planning*

Session Description: WE ARE IN A SOCIAL EMERGENCY. Come to the Social Emergency Response Center (SERC) for a safe, interactive space to gather, reflect, and empower each other to respond in new and creative ways to the social emergencies we face. The SERC is a re-imagined response center that will host collaborative art making, story telling, information sharing and and warm soup for nourishment.

Bios: SERC is sponsored by **Social Emergency Responders** reporting from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

4:00p-5:30p: Resistance on Film: Left on Pearl - followed by Q&A with film directors (Session #60.2; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 114)

organized by *Sally Haslanger*

4:00p-8:00p: Organizing & Civic Engagement Volunteer Fair (Session #99; Location: [Stata Student Street](#))

Session Description: Meet with representatives from numerous local grassroots organizations and learn how you can get involved!

Bios: Many organizations will be present at the volunteer fair! The currently confirmed list of organizations as of this program's time of compilation is:

- Tutoring Plus

- Tutors for All
- Bikes Not Bombs
- Rebuilding Together Boston
- Sociedad Latina
- [Somerville Community Corporation](#)
- The Welcome Project
- FRRACS
- MIT Dems
- CASE (Class Awareness, Support, and Equality) (MIT)
- Engineering Activism
- MIT Student Activist Coalition
- MIT Black Student Union

4:15p-5:45p: Structural Racism: What White People Can Do (and Know!) (Session #71; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 124)

by *Nina Davis-Millis & Emily Neill*

Session Description: Structural racism is a term that refers to societal patterns and institutions that perpetuate oppression, often in ways that are invisible to many of us. Even people who are dedicated to social justice and equity may unknowingly participate in these patterns. This workshop, based on the work of Robin DiAngelo and Kathy Obear, will help give us insight into our own locations within these structures through everyday examples. We will then explore, articulate, and reframe some of the unwritten “rules” that are designed to make white people feel safe, but that can prevent us from engaging in meaningful cross-racial dialogues.

Bios:

Emily Neill is the Program Manager at the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at MIT, a Th.D. candidate in Religion, Gender and Culture at Harvard Divinity School, and the owner of Closet Smarts, a personal fashion consulting business - you connect the dots.

Nina Davis-Millis is the Director of Community Support and Staff Development at the MIT Libraries, and served as Head of House at MIT’s Random Hall between 1995 and 2016.

4:30p-6:00p: Free Speech / Hate Speech (Session #17; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 168)

by *Wendy Salkin and Ronni Gura Sadovsky*

Session Description: Free speech is essential to genuine democracy. But what are the limits to free speech? Does free speech sometimes function to silence others? Is hate speech at odds with principles of free speech? How should we address the problem of offensive or silencing speech in a democracy? Are there any occasions when a “no platform” policy is warranted?

Bios: **Wendy Salkin** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Philosophy at Harvard University, and holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School. **Ronni Gura Sadovsky** is a PhD/JD candidate at Harvard University, with her PhD work in Philosophy.

4:30p-5:45p: Taking Action: Emerging Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Session #61.5; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 144)

by *Shoshanna Ehrlich* and *Elizabeth Janiak*

Session Description: Professor Shoshanna Ehrlich will discuss the growing assault on abortion rights underway across the country. She will highlight new trends in legislative restrictions, including bans on sex-selection abortions; male partner requirements; and bans on d & e procedures, including a discussion of how these encode ideas of fetal personhood and abortion regret into law. Dr. Elizabeth Janiak will describe the contraceptive coverage mandate under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), implications of this law's potential repeal for privately and publicly insured individuals including pregnant people, and how regulatory issues and other changes to safety net programs may threaten contraceptive access even if the ACA remains unchanged. We will then learn about the importance of state-level laws for ensuring contraceptive access, and engage in a letter-writing campaign in support of a law currently under consideration by the Massachusetts legislature.

Bios:

Shoshanna Ehrlich is Professor in the Women's and Gender Studies Department at UMass Boston. Professor Ehrlich's interdisciplinary scholarship focuses on the sexual and reproductive rights of young women and abortion law. Her books include: *Who Decides? The Abortion Rights of Minors and Regulating Desire: From the Virtuous Maiden to the Purity Princess*. She is currently working on a new book entitled *For Their Own Protection: Abortion Regret and the Attack on Women's Reproductive Freedom*. Professor Ehrlich also works with a variety of advocacy organizations, including the ACLU of Massachusetts, that are committed to securing the reproductive and sexual rights of young women.

Elizabeth Janiak is Research Fellow in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Health, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Janiak is an interdisciplinary public health researcher with expertise in sociology, epidemiology, and health systems research. She is a Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School and Director of Social Science Research at Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. Dr. Janiak uses a health equity framework, multilevel perspective, and mixed-methods approach to investigate determinants of access to sexual and reproductive health services. Her research primarily focuses on how policy, health systems, and provider-level factors affect the availability, timeliness, and quality of contraceptive and abortion care.

4:30p-5:30p: The Legacy of Inequity in Federal Housing Policy (Session #65; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *Roberta Rubin*

Session Description: Housing policy through the 20th century and into the new millennium has had a profound impact on individuals and society. This session would provide participants with information about the history of housing policy in the United States, and the way in which that policy has affected different communities and the people who live in them. Format would be a mix of lecture and interactive discussion.

Bios: **Roberta Rubin** is General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Previously, Roberta taught as an adjunct professor at Tufts University and Northeastern Law School, and has practiced law for 30 years in the field of affordable housing. Roberta's remarks represent her personal views and she is not speaking in an official capacity.

4:45p-5:45p: The Challenge for R&D Funding in the Administration's New FY18 Budget (Session #30; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

by *William B. Bonvillian*

Session Description: What's happening to the federal budget for science? The federal budget for R&D faces major budget challenges ahead, both long and short term, which could have a profound effect on university research. The long term challenge stems from the increased spending required because of the nation's aging demographics, particularly the cost of health care. In the short term, there is a major battle shaping up over the federal fiscal year 2018 budget because of the Trump administration's plans a major cut to R&D. Plans to cut taxes, raise defense spending, and fund new infrastructure, may be offset by cuts in domestic discretionary spending, where most R&D is located. Finally, it is becoming increasingly clear that the country has been experiencing social and economic disruptions to its working class, which has thrown a wild card into the ability of the political process to manage these developments. These three challenges would be detailed.

Bios: **William B. Bonvillian** is a Lecturer at MIT, and advisor to MIT's Industrial Policy Center. From 2006 until 2017, he was director of MIT's Washington Office, supporting MIT's historic role in science policy. He teaches courses on innovation systems at MIT as well as at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins SAIS, and is coauthor of two books on innovation, including "Technological Innovation in Legacy Sectors" from Oxford University Press in 2015. Previously he worked for over 15 years on innovation issues as a senior advisor in the U.S. Senate, and earlier was a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation. He serves on the National Academies of Science standing committee for its Innovation Policy Forum and is on the Committee on Science and Engineering Policy at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His upcoming book on advanced manufacturing (with Peter Singer) from MIT Press will be released this winter.

5:00p-9:00p: Multimedia Protest Party (Session #21; Location: [Stata Amphitheater \(outside\)](#))

by *Paloma Duong* and *Ian Condry*

Session Description: Multimedia Protest Party convenes people for music, dancing, visuals, and sign, button, and graffiti making to wind down from the day's lectures and activities and enjoy the

outdoors. From 5 - 6pm Graffiti and sign-making workshop, and from 6-9pm dance party with live DJ and VJ.

Bios: Multimedia Protest Party is put on by **MIT Global Studies and Languages**.

5:00p-6:30p: Protest, Nonviolence and Civil Disobedience (Session #54; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 154)

a discussion moderated by *Lisa Rivera and Gina Schouten*

Session Description: We'll begin by introducing some key concepts and distinctions relevant to a discussion of protest, civil disobedience, and nonviolence. The aim of this introduction will be to develop some shared language—and an understanding of some important ideas and arguments—that will provide the background for a more fruitful discussion. We'll then turn to open discussion, structured as an examination of some case studies.

Bios: **Lisa Rivera** is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at University of Massachusetts, Boston. **Gina Schouten** is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University.

5:30p-7:00p: Gentrification: Beyond Displacement (Session #35; Location: [Building 9](#), Room 255)

a panel discussion featuring *Aatmaja Pandya, Léopold Lambert, Molly Rose Kaufman, Ken Reeves, and Sarita Daftary-Steel* organized by *DUSP Students of Color Committee*

Session Description: Statement of Problem: Recent discussions around gentrification in DUSP have engaged in the topic from a planning and legal standpoint – particularly in regards to the legacy of white flight and displacement due to rising rent and costs of living. However, the current effects of gentrification, its place as an agent of neoliberal capitalism, the cultural and social fault lines it exposes, and the hierarchy of value it places on citizens are also topics that are vital to address. When these aspects aren't discussed, or are discussed without the leadership of those most affected by the issue, solutions will fall short of protecting the most culturally rich aspects of our cities. For this reason, it is crucial that we discuss all aspects of gentrification across a broad scope of practices and experiences, centralized around those most affected by it: immigrants, people of color, the working class, and people of queer experience. This panel is led by students and faculty of color as well as the LGBTQ DUSP community, to ensure that we uphold the voices of groups that have been systematically denied democratic access to Western urban spaces.

Panel: This interdisciplinary panel will engage what has traditionally been a planning issue on a broader scale of the humanities. We will discuss gentrification from key angles that have emerged in issues in these past few months. These themes will include the impact of gentrification on immigrant enclaves (especially in sanctuary cities), the commodification of neighborhood identity, hierarchies of citizen value, as well as interactions between incoming and legacy residents.

Bios: The **panelists:** - **Aatmaja Pandya** is a graphic novelist whose recent work *Phantom* addresses the impact of gentrification on first generation immigrant children who's ties to their parents' cultures are largely invested in disappearing immigrant enclaves

- **Molly Rose Kaufman** is Provost of the University of Orange, journalist, writer, and researcher *The Domino Effect*
- **Leopold Lambert** is the founder and editor the *Funambulist* magazine, which focuses on the social and political implications of planning and architectural projects. *Molenbeek, Belgium, Unequal Access, Colonial Architectures*
- **Sarita Daftary-Steel** is an activist who works on issues of food justice and gentrification in East New York and Williamsburg. *East New York Oral Histories Story Maps*
- **Ken Reeves** is the former mayor of Cambridge and current DUSP MLK Fellow *Out on Politics* **Sonny Oram** is Communications Assistant at DUSP and founder of *Qwear*, a style website for the queer community, and will introduce the panel.

Jessica Myers, who will moderate the panel, is a second year master's student in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. She is also the host and producer of *Here There Be Dragons*, a podcast which focuses on city residents' experiences with identity and security in public space.

5:30p-6:30p: Impacting Congress Beyond Phone Calls and Emails: Engaging on Policy (Session #89; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 144)

by *Daniel Pomeroy*

Session Description: As a result of the recent presidential election we have seen a surge in civic engagement across the country. Many people are calling their elected officials to voice their concerns for the first time. However, many may wonder if there is more than can do to impact the policy process. This talk will give an insiders guide to how Congress functions and provide a menu of "asks" (tangible actions you want a representative to take) that experts and organizations can use to advance a policy issue

Bios: This lecture is organized by MIT'S International Policy Lab (IPL), a service for faculty who wish to engage in public policy outreach based on their research. The IPL's associate director, **Dan Pomeroy**, will give the lecture. Dan holds a PhD in physics and served as a AAAS Science and Technology Policy fellow in the office of Senator Edward J. Markey.

5:45p-6:45p: Inside the Iran Deal: The Making and Future of a Historic Agreement (Session #29.5; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *R. Scott Kemp*

Session Description: Come hear the backstory of the technical negotiations that went into making the Iran nuclear agreement and discuss the prospects for the agreement continuing under the new U.S. administration. Some of the original calculations and trade-offs that were made behind the

scenes will be revealed, including several inadvertent loopholes introduced into the agreement, and conclusions drawn about Iran's ultimate ability to make nuclear weapons today.

Bios: R. Scott Kemp is the Norman C. Rasmussen Associate Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering at MIT, and director of the MIT Laboratory for Nuclear Security and Policy. In 2010 and 2011, he served as Science Advisor in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Special Advisor for Nonproliferation and Arms Control where he was responsible for framing the technical negotiations on Iran's nuclear program. At MIT, his research combines physics, politics, and history to help find policy options for achieving international security under both technical and societal constraints.

5:45p-7:00p: The Responsibility of Intellectuals Today (Session #98; Location: [Building 26](#), Room 100)

a panel discussion featuring *Noam Chomsky, Junot Díaz, Saida Grundy, and Naomi Oreskes* moderated by *Phil Thompson*

6:00p-7:00p: Trans & Queer Health Care Advocacy: From ACA to HB2 (Session #32.5; Location: [Building 66](#), Room 160)

by *Karl Surkan*

Session Description: Transgender and and queer patients have unique health care needs, and yet they are a population quite often invisible to medical providers. When providers are made aware of patients' trans or queer identities, the likelihood of discrimination increases. Proposed changes to the Affordable Care Act, the rollback of the Obama administration's guidance protecting trans students under Title IX, and the recent failure to effectively repeal North Carolina's HB2 law will have dramatic impact on transgender and gender variant people's access to health care and use of public space. This session invites participants to strategize about how to be good health care advocates and allies in light of these new developments.

Bios: Dr. Karl Surkan has been a lecturer in the Women and Gender Studies program at MIT for over ten years and will be teaching at the Yale Summer Institute in Bioethics later this year.

6:00p-7:30p: Resistance on Film: White Like Me - followed by Q&A with Michelle Maiese and Clare Mehta (Session #60.3; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 114)

organized by *Sally Haslanger*

6:00p-7:00p: Social Justice in Applied Technology & Service Design (Session #80; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 155)

a panel discussion organized by *Jules Rochielle*

Session Description: In this session, Jules Rochielle will moderate a panel discussion that is focused on deep student engagement, community collaboration, advocacy and direct action. As an experimental legal empowerment laboratory, the NuLawLab focuses on (1) collaborating with outside community organizations and non-legal, creative arts-based disciplines to design, build, test, and implement new approaches to legal empowerment; and (2) educating Northeastern students on how to become the legal empowerment inventors of the future. In response to the current political and civic environment, we are quickly harnessing the energies within our network of legal advocates and artists around collective opportunities for rapid response. One such project is *Confronting Hate*, through which we are diligently organizing through a variety of platforms to reach impacted community groups in the northeastern United States.

Bios: The panelists are:

- **Dan Jackson**, Executive Director, NuLawLab, Through his work at NuLawLab, Dan works to advance the democratization of law by: partnering with individuals and communities to identify unmet legal needs and design responsive solutions; cultivating knowledge and experiences from multiple disciplines and social perspectives to shed new insight on barriers to legal empowerment; and transforming legal education to create new means of connecting people to law, legal information, and services.
- **Eduardo Gonzalez**, NuLawLab, Applied Technology and Design in Law: I collaborate with the NuLawLab to replicate RePresent. Phase 2 is funded by an LSC TIG grant and convenes legal services stakeholders in CT, MA, NH, and ME to replicate the success of the CT version, including creating a mobile app. Phase 2 also involves designing and scripting a game for the summary eviction process in ME and CT.
- **Katherine E. Akkaya**, Juris Doctor Candidate '17, Legal Protection Intern, UNHCR: Operated a hotline for asylum seekers and conducted research and provided information and non-legal support for asylum seekers. Researched current domestic and international legal issues including treaty law, visa and immigration requirements, country conditions in nearly all recognized nation states, detention of unaccompanied minors, and Terrorism-Related Inadmissibility Grounds (TRIG) as they apply to refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Alexander Armand Ribeiro Nally**, 2017 Fellow, Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy J.D./M.S. Law and Public Policy Candidate 2020, Northeastern University School of Law, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs. Alex joined the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth where they are a Vice Chair and oversee the Safe Schools Program, as well as the drafting of state agency policy recommendations. Alex continues to also serve as the liaison between the Commission and the Department of Higher Education where Alex and the Department have developed sexual violence prevention regulations that protect trans and gender non-conforming youth on public college campuses.

- **Emily Hopkins** [they / them] - MA Candidate '17, Media Innovation from Northeastern University. They are the 2017 Google News Lab Fellow for Investigative Reporters and Editors and a founder of The Docket, Northeastern's justice reporting lab. They are also the former managing editor of Scout Magazines, and their work has appeared in New York Magazine, The New York Times, WGBH News, DigBoston, Homicide Watch, Bitch Media, and Muck-Rock.
- **Siri Nelson** [she / her / hers] Northeastern University School of Law J.D. Candidate '19, Black Law Students Association 1L Chair. Siri is an analytical, and globally minded Northeastern University law student who is especially interested in social justice and social technologies. She has been working to co- coordinate a day of action called How To Get It Done: Where Legal Power Meets People Power. This event is a student-organized conference designed to connect law students, activists, and members of the Boston community, to share knowledge, strategize together, and develop the skills needed to take action.

Jules Rochielle Sievert, Creative Director, NuLawLab, will moderate. Jules is a Socially Engaged artist, an Educator and a Social Justice Advocate. Currently, Jules is the Creative Director at NuLawLab, Northeastern University School of Law.

6:30p-7:30p: Numbers in the news (Session #103.5; Location: [Broad Institute](#))

a public discussion with *Dr Rebecca Goldin*

7:00p-8:30p: Protest Songs: Old and New (Session #5; Location: [Building 56](#), Room 154)

led by *Ruth Perry*

Session Description: We will be singing protest songs and union songs from the 30s, the 60s, and all the time since then—songs from the Civil Rights movement, from Occupy Wall Street, from the unions, from Woody Guthrie. We will sing all the songs that people in the room want to sing to inspire, entertain, remind, and uplift us all. You don't have to play an instrument or know all the words. There will be lots of chorus songs and copies of words to share. Come sing with us!

Bios: **Ruth Perry** is a professor in the Literature faculty at MIT and teaches a class on folk music. She will be joined by members of the Folk Song Society of Greater Boston and their friends. Everyone is welcome.

7:00p-8:30p: The Future of the New Abortion (Session #67; Location: [Building 32](#), Room 141)

by *Norma Swenson*

Session Description: Expert panelists will give current reports and information about access to all types of abortion, and barriers to abortion access, from the field and in a global/historical context, as well as how women themselves are always taking action. Included will be the most recent developments in medical abortion, worldwide, as well as the prospects for challenging racial inequalities in access to reproductive health services, both here and abroad. Participants will be invited to prepare for the possibility that they might organize or participate in a public action, with others, for abortion rights and reproductive justice, by crafting slogans, designing posters, and strategizing with other activists.

Bios:

Norma Swenson, MPH, is a founding Co-Author, Our Bodies, Ourselves and former faculty at MIT and the Harvard School of Public Health. She has been an activist globally in maternity care reform, reproductive rights and justice, and health and human rights. Currently serves on the board of Our Bodies, Ourselves.

Marlene Gerber Fried, PhD, is a professor of philosophy and faculty director of the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program at Hampshire College. Marlene's scholarship and teaching is focused primarily on abortion rights and access, reproductive and sexual rights and health, and legal theory. She was also founding president and served for 21 years on the board of the National Network of Abortion Funds. Marlene won the Warrior Women Award from SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. She contributed to the chapter on abortion in both the 2005 and 2011 editions of "Our Bodies, Ourselves ." currently serving on the OBOS board.

Susan Yanow, MSW, is a long-time reproductive rights activist and was the founding executive director of the Abortion Access Project She is currently a consultant to multiple U.S. and international reproductive rights and health organizations that work to advance access to abortion, as well as serving on the boards of the ACLU of Massachusetts, the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, and Chennai Children. Susan is a frequent contributor to Our Bodies Ourselves.

7:05p-7:30p: Closing Remarks (Session #0.5; Location: [Building 26](#), Room 100)

by *event organizers*

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