Welcome back to MIT campus and a special welcome to the new people joining the Women and Gender Services (WXGS) community!

Entering a new academic year is exciting yet can consist of challenges. Challenges can be daunting but can open doors to many amazing opportunities and connections. We at WXGS and The Cheney Room staff can help you along this new voyage of academia.
I hope you had a wonderful summer and took lots of nice breaks in the sun!

Re-introducing myself: Nandini Choudhury (she/hers), and I am the Assistant Director of Women and Gender Services (WXGS)!

A little a bit about me: I’m a queer, South Asian American, born and bred New Englander. I’m an avid reader of science fiction, fantasy, and horror. I love to travel and enjoy discovering new foods along the way. My favorite pastime is playing the piano and enjoying the great outdoors.

Fast Facts about Nandini:
- I did a 325 mile bike trip
- Dabbled in Mixed Martial Arts
- Hiked Mt. Sinai in Egypt

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MONTHLY WXGS BOOK RECS.

**LEAH ON THE OFFBEAT BY BECKY ALBERTALLI**

Follow Leah as she grapples with changing friendships, first love, and senior year angst. She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. And even though her mom knows she’s bisexual, she hasn’t mustered the courage to tell her friends. Leah finds her footing even when it’s difficult.

**TAGS:** Bi/pan, Queer, Romance

**MEXICAN GOTHIC BY SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA**

Noemí Taboada heads to a house in the Mexican countryside on a rescue mission. Noemí is also an unlikely rescuer: She’s a glamorous debutante, and her chic gowns and perfect red lipstick are more suited for cocktail parties than amateur sleuthing. But she’s also tough and smart, with an indomitable will, and she is not afraid.

**TAGS:** Latina/x, Mystery/thriller, Historical fiction

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: HTTPS://WWW.LIBIB.COM/U/WXGS/
**WXGS SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS**

**WXGS OPEN HOUSE**

Join us at the Cheney Room to welcome you all to campus and the space. Meet the staff that run Women and Gender Services. Open to all at MIT!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tue, 09.12.23  
**Time:** 4:30-5:30pm  
**Location:** Cheney Room (3-308)

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**WELCOMING TAARA**

Welcome Taara, MIT’s new South Asian Women and Gender Non-Conforming student activist club! Come and learn about the club and enjoy some snacks.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wed, 09.13.23  
**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm  
**Location:** Cheney Room (3-308)

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**BWA X WXGS PHOTO EVENT**

Meet members of the Black Women’s Alliance (BWA) and WXGS staff, while getting your professional headshot picture taken!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tue, 09.19.23  
**Time:** 4:00-6:00pm  
**Location:** Cheney Room (3-308)
Welcome back to campus, Alumni! Stop by the Cheney Room and check out the newly renovated and beautiful space. Open to Alumni and students. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Fri, 09.29.23  
**Time:** 4:00-5:00pm  
**Location:** Cheney Room (3-308)
**MIT Recreation**

**Back to Basics Clinics**

1. Squat
2. Deadlift
3. Overhead Press
4. Bench Press

MIT Recreation is offering strength classes for all women and gender non-conforming students! Learn how to squat, deadlift, do an overhead press, and bench press. All skill levels are welcome. Sign up here: [https://tinyurl.com/Back-to-Basics-Strength](https://tinyurl.com/Back-to-Basics-Strength)

**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Classes start Mon, 09.11.23  
**Time:** 1:30-2:30pm  
**Location:** RSVP using the form

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**Rainbow Lounge**

**Rainbow Lounge Annual Open House**

We invite you to come to our Rainbow Lounge Open House and be part of something special. Whether you’re just looking to meet new people or deepen your current relationships, this is a perfect opportunity to do so! We can’t wait to see you there!

**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Thur, 09.14.23  
**Time:** 4:30-5:30pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

THE CRWN INFO SESSION & GAME NIGHT
Women of color, second year and above, please join us to learn how to become a member of The CRWN. Enjoy food and games with your peers while we share information about the program!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thur, 09.14.23
Time: 5:30-7:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT (I.E) OPEN HOUSE
Kick off another school year with us! Join us for some i.e. Open House Tie-Dye fun! Learn about upcoming events, leadership opportunities, MIT cultural groups & orgs. Enjoy food and tie-dye fun! i.e. will provide shirts, socks, and more. RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/ie-openhouse

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Fri, 09.15.23
Time: 3:00-5:00pm
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

QTPoC: PRACTICING MINDFULNESS

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to come to the Rainbow Lounge and learn some valuable tips and tools on how to practice mindfulness while doing some fun crafts! Stop by today and start your journey with this practice.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tue, 09.19.23
Time: 5:00-6:00pm
Location: Building 50-250

BI-VISIBILITY CELEBRATION

Have we all been visible enough this #BisexualVisibilityWeek? Celebrate at the Rainbow Lounge! Play games, take buttons and stickers, and make unforgettable memories with your friends.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Fri, 09.22.23
Time: 4:30-5:30pm
Location: Building 50-250
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

PEP WORKSHOPS BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Interested in booking a diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop for your student org/group? Check out our current offerings and connect with us to schedule a 15-min consultation. Consultation bookings are open from 08/27-09/29.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Reservation deadline 09.29.23
Location: https://tinyurl.com/Booking-pg

ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Calling all alumni! Join us for an open house at the vibrant Rainbow Lounge! Reconnect with old friends and immerse yourself in a world of LBGTQ+ Student Services. See you there!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Fri, 09.29.23
Time: 4:00-5:00pm
Location: Building 50-250
THE MARGARET CHENEY ROOM
MACLAURIN BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR (3-308)

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