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Celebrate Arab Heritage Month

April is Arab Heritage Month! During this time, we celebrate the Arab community throughout the past and present, and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country. It also serves as a time to combat Anti-Arab bigotry and to challenge stereotypes and prejudices.

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/// UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WXGS’ March Book Recs.

Voices of Resistance: Muslim Women on War, Faith and Sexuality by Sarah Husain

TAGS: Muslim, anthology, Islam, poetry

Description: Voices of Resistance is a diverse collection of personal narratives and prose by Muslim women whose experiences and observations are particularly poignant in today's politically and religiously charged environment. The contributors in this anthology hail from Yemen, Iran, Palestine, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Thailand, China, Canada, and the United States.
**Hijab Butch Blues** by Lamya H.

**TAGS:** Muslim, lesbian, sapphic, Middle Eastern

**Description:** A queer hijabi Muslim immigrant survives her coming-of-age by drawing strength and hope from stories in the Quran in this daring, provocative, and radically hopeful memoir. This searingly intimate memoir in essays, spanning Lamya’s childhood to her arrival in the United States for college through early-adult life in New York City, tells a universal story of courage, trust, and love, celebrating what it means to be a seeker and an architect of one’s own life.

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/// WXGS MARCH PROGRAMING

**Rescheduled! Celebrating Trans Day of Visibility**

Join WXGS and Jesse Freidin (He/Him), a queer-identified photographer, author, and educator, for a conversation on elevating the experience of the trans and gender non-conforming community through portraiture and interviews in his current project “Are You OK?”. Open to all MIT students.

*Date: Wed, 04.03.24  
Time: 5:30-6:30pm  
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)  
Snacks will be provided*
Celebrating Trans Day of Visibility: Pop Up Exhibit “Are You Ok?”

WXGS is delighted to collaborate with MIT Open Spaces to show a digital, outdoor display of “Are You OK?“, featuring portraits of trans and non-binary youth by queer-identifying photographer Jesse Freidin (He/His), to continue to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility.

Date: Thur, 04.04.24
Time: 11:00am-2:00pm
Location: Kendall/MIT Open Spaces

Self Defense Class

Join WXGS, LBGTQ+ Services, and IMPACT Boston for a FREE full-impact, trauma-informed self-defense class taught by trained instructors from IMPACT Boston.

Date: Sat, 04.06.24
Time: 11:00am-2:00pm
Location: MAC Court, W35-375
Free Registration: https://tinyurl.com/impact-registration
Understanding Intimate Partner Violence

Join VPR, WXGS, and LBGTQ+ Services in a discussion that debunks common myths about IPV, its relation to sexual assault, as well as the disproportionate impacts it has on minoritized groups of people.

Date: Mon, 04.08.24
Time: 4:30-6:00pm
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

The Ibero-American x WXGS Film Series Invites You To A Screening Of Mosquita Y Maria

Join WXGS and MIT Global Languages with a screening of Mosquita y Mari. Screening will start at 5:30pm and a talk back session afterwards. This film celebrates Lesbian Visibility Day and female directors in the Spanish speaking world.

Date: Tue, 04.09.24
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)
Snacks will be provided
Celebrating Jewish Heritage Through Poetry

Join MIT Hillel & WXGS for a poetry discussion and workshop! We'll explore poetry by Linda Pastan, Batsheva Dori-Carlier, and Kayley Romick before diving in and writing our own!

Date: Wed, 04.10.24
Time: 1:00-2:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)
Free Registration: [https://tinyurl.com/poetry-day](https://tinyurl.com/poetry-day)

CPW: Culturefest

WXGS, LBGTQ+, i.e., SOLE, UA, and FSILG are collaborating to welcome prospective MIT first year students for campus preview weekend! Stop by and say hi, grab a snack, and get to know us! Cultural student orgs will be there too!

Date: Sat, 04.13.24
Time: 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Kresge Oval

Art & Artist for Peace

WXGS and ORSEL are excited to showcase art and film created by Muslim women! Stop by the Cheney Room to see the art and make some art yourself!

Date: Tue, 04.16.24
Time: 7:30-9:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)
Spilling the Tea

Are you a MIT graduate student looking to network with Alumni? Join WXGS and AMITA for a networking event just for MIT graduate women and non-binary students!

Date: Mon, 04.22.24
Time: 3:00-4:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

/// HAPPENING @ MIT & Beyond: FOR ALL

MIT RISE Awards

Intercultural Engagement (i.e), LBGTQ+, Women and Gender Services (WXGS), the Institute Community and Equity Office (ICEO), the Office of Graduate Education (OGE) and the Office of Minority Education (OME) warmly invite you to the 2024 RISE Awards ceremony.

Date: Tue, 04.23.24
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Location: Morss Hall in Walker Memorial (50-140)
RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/RISEAwardsRSVP

Lavender Graduation

LBGTQ+ Services delighted to extend a heartfelt invitation to you for our upcoming 2024 Lavender Graduation ceremony, a celebration of achievements and milestones within the LBGTQ+ MIT community. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 3rd, at 4:30 pm US Eastern Time at the MIT Welcome Center.

Date: Fri, 05.03.24
Time: 4:00pm
Location: MIT Welcome Center (E38)
RSVP: tinyurl.com/mit24lavender
The Margaret Cheney Room

Maclaurin Building, 3rd Floor (3-308)

https://studentlife.mit.edu/womenmit