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.
Welcome to WXGS: Meet the Staff

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CHENEY ROOM
Open everyday via tap access
Staff hours: 10am-6pm
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**MONTHLY WXGS BOOK RECS.**

**VOICES OF RESISTANCE: MUSLIM WOMEN ON WAR, FAITH AND SEXUALITY**

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.

**TAGS:** Muslim, anthology, Islam, poetry

**HIJAB BUTCH BLUES**

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.

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

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wed, 04.03.24
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

CELEBRATING TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
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.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

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

Screening of Mosquita y Mari

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.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tue, 04.09.24  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Location:** Cheney Room (3-308)

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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**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)
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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

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

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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

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

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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

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

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

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

LAUENDER 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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Fri, 05.03.24
Time: 4:00pm
Location: MIT Welcome Center (E38)
RSVP: tinyurl.com/mit24lavender
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THE MARGARET CHENEY ROOM
MACLAURIN BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR (3-308)

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