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JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 9, 2015

'DEIS IMPACT!: A FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Brandeis University
Celebration amidst suffering: Why a festival?

Some wonder why we call ‘DEIS Impact a “festival” of social justice. Isn’t the idea of a festival at odds with the underlying purposes of this annual Brandeis tradition? Festivals, after all, usually celebrate something. Is a festival the right response to a world of suffering and injustice? Could ‘DEIS Impact turn into a smug celebration of the good work we do?

It is a point well taken. Those concerned with improving the world should be careful not to become too self-absorbed in that quest and overlook the goals they’re trying to achieve. Indeed, the Brandeis curriculum and culture promote analysis and reflection to confront this form of narcissism.

But the act of celebration doesn’t mean looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. A festival of the arts celebrates the creative spirit while engaging with the full range of human emotion and problems in all their complexity. We are not taken aback when an arts festival includes a production of “King Lear” or a discussion of Picasso’s “Guernica.” The arts offer a robust challenge to complacency. And challenging complacency is exactly what a festival of social justice can and should do, too.

Furthermore, a festival is a collective enterprise. There is no such thing as a one-person festival, and there is no such thing as solitary social justice. A festival of social justice is about engaging, empowering and challenging together.

As you look through this booklet and decide which of the dazzling array of events to join, remember that action and joy can go hand-in-hand, even as we are mindful of those whose lives are disrupted by poverty, violence and inequality. Indeed, these seemingly insurmountable challenges can overwhelm and deter us from our quest for social justice if we do not stop to notice some (perhaps small) victories.

What we celebrate in the ‘DEIS Impact festival of social justice is not ourselves: We celebrate the collective struggle for human dignity that binds our community with others around the world.

Join us.

The International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life and the Student Union present Brandeis University’s fourth annual weeklong festival of social justice. Students, professors, clubs and academic departments have planned dozens of events, including talks, performances, exhibitions and discussions.

Check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact for up-to-the-minute information about the week’s events.

How can I be effectively involved in building a just society?

How can I engage with others — on and off campus — to broaden my own impact?

How can I connect my passion for social justice with my career?

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Social Change Through Civic Engagement and Pragmatic Idealism

WITH ALAN KHAZEI, CO-FOUNDER OF CITY YEAR AND CEO OF BE THE CHANGE INC.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

One of “America’s 25 Best Leaders” (U.S. News & World Report, 2006) and author of “Big Citizenship: How Pragmatic Idealism Can Bring Out the Best in America,” Khazei will discuss his inspiration, experience and how young people can make a difference in the world.

As a young graduate from Harvard Law School, Alan Khazei co-founded City Year, which now operates in 20 U.S. cities and Johannesburg and London, and served as the model for the AmeriCorps program. Khazei is currently the CEO of Be The Change, an organization he started to do collective impact work. Khazei has been a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Massachusetts, and he teaches a course on social entrepreneurship in the spring at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Cosponsored by the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program.

TICKET INFORMATION: For free tickets to the DEIS Impact keynote address for those on campus, stop by Brandeis Tickets in the Shapiro Campus Center atrium during the following hours when classes are in session: Monday–Friday, noon–6 p.m., or Saturday, noon–4 p.m. (maximum two tickets per Brandeis ID). Off-campus guests, please email posspecialevents@brandeis.edu or call 877-736-4098 with your name, address, email and phone number. Please indicate the number of tickets you would like (maximum four tickets per person). For group ticket inquiries, please contact Elisa Searle in the Office of Special Events at elisasearle@brandeis.edu or 781-736-4037. All ticket requests must be received no later than Jan. 30.
All events are free and open to the public. Tickets are required only for the keynote (see page 2).

**FEATURED EVENT**

**AN ARTIST’S JOURNEY THROUGH SUFFERING AND LIBERATION:**
An Exhibition of the Works of the Indian Dalit Artist Savi Savarkar

Friday, Jan. 30-Monday, Feb. 9, all day

*Two locations: Heller Reading Room (G51) and Wald Exhibit Area, Goldfarb Library, Level 2*

Discrimination against Dalits, who are formerly known as the untouchable outsiders of India’s caste system, is a complex yet widely prevalent phenomenon in Indian society. The work of artist Savi Savarkar, himself a Dalit, serves as a testament to artistic courage as a form of activism. As India’s most prominent Dalit artist, Savarkar has exhibited his work in the international gallery scene in India, Germany, Mexico, Sweden and the U.S. The profoundly moving works of art in this unique exhibition tell a remarkable narrative about oppression and liberation.

For other events related to this exhibition, see go.brandeis.edu/DEIsImpact.

**SPONSORED BY:** Center of Global Development and Sustainability at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and the Office of the Arts

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Nilambar Nyak, nilambar@brandeis.edu

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**HOMELESSNESS THROUGH OUR EYES**

Friday, Jan. 30-Monday, Feb. 9, all day

*Shapiro Campus Center Atrium*

What does homelessness look like through the eyes of those who experience it? By presenting their stories, Waltham Group’s Hunger and Homelessness and the Community Day Center of Waltham seek to educate the campus about the unfortunate conditions that many homeless people face and inspire attendees to take action. We will also share information about volunteer opportunities and engaging in policy campaigns sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. In addition, we invite you to attend “Exploring Housing Insecurity..."
Through Art* on Monday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery to learn more about public policies aimed at alleviating poverty and to view artwork that examines homelessness issues. (For a full description of this event, see page 13.)

**SPONSORED BY:** Waltham Group’s Hunger and Homelessness and the Community Day Center of Waltham

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Rose Wallace, rwallace@brandeis.edu

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**TAKE A SEAT, BREAK DOWN BARRIERS**

Friday, Jan. 30–Monday, Feb. 9, all day

Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Do you ever feel like it’s difficult to approach someone new? Are you more likely to approach certain groups of people than others? Are you interested in learning about another person’s background and how it influences the way he or she views social justice? Take a seat in our ball pit with someone new! You never know what you might learn or how your stereotypes will be challenged. This is a drop-in event, so stop by when you’re free!

**SPONSORED BY:** The Ripple Effect

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Caitlin Buegeler, caitlinb@brandeis.edu

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**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WOMEN IN REGIONS OF CONFLICT**

**Display:** Friday, Jan. 30–Monday, Feb. 9, all day

**Event:** Saturday, Jan. 31, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Learn about a day in the life of a woman who lives in a high-conflict region. Discover how living in these conditions affects all aspects of her life, from the critical — where she lives, how she feeds her children — to the seemingly mundane, such as when she wakes up. Participants will learn about key issues surrounding the topic and then have the option to experience a hypothetical journey based on real-life stories. In the process, they will gain a deeper understanding of the difficult choices these women must make to survive.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Alpert, dalpert@brandeis.edu

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**BP ART: PLURALISM AND THE ARTS**

**Display:** Friday, Jan. 30–Monday, Feb. 9, all day

**Event:** Thursday, Feb. 5, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

Share your interpretations of pluralism and social justice through poetry, video clips, short films, dance, photography, paintings, drawings, spoken word and other performances. All members of the Brandeis community are invited to submit work, view the exhibition and attend the performance and reception on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 5:30 p.m. The Brandeis Pluralism Alliance will award three cash prizes of $200, $150 and $100 to encourage participation and to recognize outstanding works of art that capture these themes. Refreshments will be served.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Pluralism Alliance

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Elaine Wong, ewong@brandeis.edu

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**BRANDEIS UNITES IN SERVICE AT PROSPECT HILL**

**Monday, Feb. 2, Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3:00–5:15 p.m.**

Transportation will be provided.

Come together to enact social justice in our community by spending part of your afternoon volunteering at the Prospect Hill Community Center. The center, in partnership with Brandeis, provides after-school enrichment to children who live in the Prospect Hill Terrace low-income housing neighborhood in Waltham. Following the service project, we will reconvene on campus to reflect on the experience and explore the relationship between service and social justice. See go.brandeis.edu/DEISimpact for details and to register. Spots will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Don’t miss this wonderful chance to connect with individuals from throughout our community through service. All volunteers must complete a CORI with the Office of Community Service by Jan. 15 in order to participate. Refreshments will be served.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Student Union

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Emily Conrad, edconrad@brandeis.edu

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**HISTORY OF ACTIVISM AT BRANDEIS: A SHOW & TELL EVENT**

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Archives & Special Collections Reading Room, Goldfarb Library

Since the founding of Brandeis, its students have actively involved themselves in righting the wrongs they see in the world around them. Come to the University Archives and see evidence of their work, learn about the barriers they faced and the injustices they fought. On display will be materials from the Ford Hall takeover, an alumna’s journal from the 1965 SCOPE Project (voter registration civil rights initiative) and much, much more. Archivists will be on hand to answer questions and to discuss the role social activism has played in the life of this university, its students and the world at large. All are welcome.

**SPONSORED BY:** Archives & Special Collections, Brandeis Libraries

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Surella Seelig, seseelig@brandeis.edu

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**THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:00–11:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 7, 8:00–11:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 8, 2:00–5:30 p.m.**

See go.brandeis.edu/DEISimpact for location.

“The Merchant of Venice” by William Shakespeare is a play filled with social justice themes that are still relevant today. From sexism to anti-Semitism to homophobia, the issues in this show set the stage for an intriguing discussion of social interactions. Is justice truly blind? What motivates people who are the subjects of injustice to inflict injustices upon others? What can we learn from a play written over 400 years ago about modern injustices? How can theater be used as an outlet to express frustrations with injustices? Stick around after the performance for a discussion led by the directors, and share your thoughts with us!

**SPONSORED BY:** Hold Thy Peace

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Arielle Keller, askeller@brandeis.edu
FRIDAY January 30

‘DEIS IMPACT 2015 KICKOFF!
Friday, Jan. 30, noon-1:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Join us to celebrate the beginning of ‘DEIS Impact week. Enjoy dance performances, meet the event organizers, find out which events best suit your interests and learn what ‘DEIS Impact is all about! See how far the world has come in the quest for social justice, and how much more there is to achieve. Come with energy, an open mind and a desire to fight injustice. Light refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: ‘DEIS Impacters
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shikha Chandarana, shikhac@brandeis.edu

‘DEIS IMPACT SHABBAT
Friday, Jan 30.: Dinner, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Oneg Shabbat program, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Sherman Function Hall (dinner) and Feldberg Lounge (Oneg)

Come celebrate Shabbat with Hillel at Brandeis! This Shabbat dinner will include special social justice conversation topics and Divrei Torah, which are reflections on the weekly Torah portion. After dinner, join us for an Oneg Shabbat program titled “Should the Jewish Community Be Involved in Larger Social Issues? (and If So, How?)” with Rabbi Jill Jacobs, executive director of Truah, the Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. Join us for dinner, the Oneg or both!

SPONSORED BY: Hillel at Brandeis
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Leah Staffin, lerosta@brandeis.edu

DREAM MONOLOGUES — MOMENTS OF TRANSITION
Friday, Jan. 30, 8:00-10:30 p.m.
Cholmondeley’s Coffee House, Usen Castle

In its third Dream Monologues event, the Brandeis Immigration Education Initiative will look at “Moments of Transition” — in other words, feeling displaced: going abroad, leaving home for the first time, becoming conscious of one’s race and learning of systematic oppression. We want our audience to leave with a sense of empathy, of understanding the feeling of being lost, of not knowing what to do. Themes will range from diaspora, to immigration, to first-generation college shenanigans. Performances will include storytelling, spoken word, song and dance. This event is designed be a safe space, allowing the acknowledgment of often-unheard voices. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Immigration Education Initiative
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Yasmin Yousef, yasminyi@brandeis.edu

All events are free and open to the public.
Tickets required only for the keynote (see page 2).
Saturday, January 31

Continuing the Discussion: A Conversation on Race-Related Violence in the Media
Saturday, Jan. 31, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

As a follow-up to the Ferguson vigil, join us to continue the conversation on race-related violence in the media. Attendees will participate in an interactive discussion that will start with an activity that highlights our hidden biases. We will then explore how these biases are portrayed in the media and provide opportunities to facilitate change in the greater community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please be aware that this program addresses a sensitive topic.

Sponsored by: MLK Scholars of Academic Services
For more information: Megan Boateng, mboateng@brandeis.edu

Sunday, February 1

Social Entrepreneurship: Change the World One Business at a Time
Sunday, Feb. 1, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

How can businesses impact society in a positive manner? Is it even possible? Yes! This panel will help you understand the many ways that businesses are making an impact. The entrepreneurs on our panel have managed to do this in their respective areas, whether it's starting a business with social impact in mind or working in a large business to make a positive impact on the community. If you have a social entrepreneurship idea, connect with others who can help you bring it to action or just come for an afternoon of learning about social entrepreneurship. Ben & Jerry's ice cream will be served.

Sponsored by: Business Undergraduate Department Representatives
For more information: Sandro Luo, syluo@brandeis.edu

The Game of Life
Sunday, Feb. 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Join us for a life-sized version of the game of Life! Unlike the board game you're used to, our version will have you making decisions real people face every day. Work as a “family” to make the most of the opportunities presented to you. Each family will start the game with a different background, representing the diversity of class and socioeconomic status in our society. Afterward, join us to discuss your experience and how we as a Brandeis community can reduce inequality.

Sponsored by: Harry Potter Alliance: Imagine Better
For more information: Alyssa Berez, aberez@brandeis.edu
FILM SCREENING: “DOCUMENTED”
Sunday, Feb. 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. “Documented” chronicles his journey as a child from the Philippines to America and his odyssey inward as he reconnects with his mother, whom he hasn’t seen in 20 years.

SPONSORED BY: Film, Television and Interactive Media Program
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ethan Stein, steine@brandeis.edu

MONDAY February 2

EXAMINING FEMINISM: A GLOBAL AND PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE
Monday, Feb. 2, noon-2:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

Arab feminism? Feminists from Africa? Male feminists? African-American womanists? Learn more about feminism from a global perspective and explore what feminism means to you personally. A diverse group of individuals from around the world will discuss their experiences as feminists, and then we will break into small group discussions in a safe and welcoming space. This event is for everyone who wants to examine their relationship with feminism. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: The Heller School: Gender Working Group
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lindsey Green, lellisgreen@brandeis.edu

BRANDEIS UNITES IN SERVICE AT PROSPECT HILL
Monday, Feb. 2, 3:00-5:15 p.m.
Transportation will be provided.

See page 7 for full description.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Emily Conrad, edconrad@brandeis.edu

WHAT’S FAIR ABOUT FAIR TRADE?
Monday, Feb. 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

Do you like coffee, chocolate, bananas or ice cream? When you buy these products, are they fair trade certified? What does fair trade certified even mean? Join us for an informal gathering to examine the effects of fair trade and how it works to combat poverty, inequality and injustice in our globalized economy. We will examine the role of consumers, business owners and producers through conversations with business representatives, specialists and Brandeis University and Bentley University student activists. Fair trade refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: ’DEIS Impact Intercollegiate Subcommittee
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Julia Karr, jkarr@brandeis.edu

TUESDAY February 3

A (HUNGER) BANQUET
Monday, Feb. 2, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Brandeis Amnesty International requests the honor of your presence at the first annual Hunger Banquet. Black tie optional, open mind required. Dinner will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Amnesty International

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Christa Caggiano, ccag@brandeis.edu

THE INTERSECTION OF DHARMIC TRADITIONS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Monday, Feb. 2, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Christian Lounge, Usdan Student Center

There are many faith-based communities all over the world, and each has teachings on how to make an impact in society. Come learn about the Dharmic faith-based communities (composed of Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists) during a presentation about who they are, what they believe, what each of these faiths stands for and how they believe societal impact can be made. Following the presentation, we will have a roundtable discussion with students of these and other faith-based communities about our firsthand experiences with faith and how it inspires us to make a difference. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Namaskar (the Association for Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs) and the Brandeis Multifaith Chaplaincy
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shruti Vaidyanathan, svaidya@brandeis.edu

EXPLORING HOUSING INSECURITY THROUGH ART
Monday, Feb. 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

Worldwide, close to 830 million people live in urban slums, a number that is rapidly increasing due to the rising cost of living. Join us for a conversation with artists Kenji Nakayama and Christopher Hope, part of the “Signs for the Homeless” project in Boston. They will share their perspectives on the difficulties of housing insecurity and how their art makes a difference. Engage in a discussion on policy with a speaker from the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and view photographs taken by individuals experiencing housing insecurity in Waltham.

SPONSORED BY: Habitat for Humanity and Waltham Group’s Hunger and Homelessness
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rose Wallace, rwallace@brandeis.edu

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Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Archives & Special Collections Reading Room, Goldfarb Library

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SPONSORED BY: Archives & Special Collections, Brandeis Libraries
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Surella Seelig, seseelig@brandeis.edu
A WOMEN'S PLACE: AN INTERGENERATIONAL DISCUSSION ON GENDER INEQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE
Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Room 313

As of 2014, women currently hold 5.2 percent of CEO roles in Fortune 500 companies. Many women still earn less than their male counterparts and are also afraid to negotiate their pay. While the gender gap is improving, it is not improving fast enough. Join students, faculty, staff and Brandeis National Committee chapter members for an exciting intergenerational discussion on the past, present and future of women in the workplace. This event is perfect for any student, regardless of gender identity, who is curious about gender inequalities at work and would like to contribute to alleviating those inequalities. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis National Committee Student Ambassadors
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Karishma Pradhan, kpradhan@brandeis.edu

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Emily Conrad, edconrad@brandeis.edu

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PRAGMATIC IDEALISM”
With Alan Khazei, co-founder of City Year and CEO of Be The Change Inc.
Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY February 4

HISTORY OF ACTIVISM AT BRANDEIS: A SHOW & TELL EVENT
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Archives & Special Collections Reading Room, Goldfarb Library

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SPONSORED BY: Archives & Special Collections, Brandeis Libraries
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Surella Seeleg, seseelig@brandeis.edu

SOULFULNESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MAKING
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Rapaporte Treasure Hall, Goldfarb Library

Leadership in social justice can mean life on the frazzled edge: overstretched and overbooked while trying to address daunting world challenges. But it is possible to lead for social change in a new way, with that deep sense of contentment that all leaders yearn for. Based on his most recent book, “Fulfilled,” Kirk Jones will articulate a new approach for the exhausted activist leader. His approach to leadership is based on three inner capacities that every leader already possesses: stillness, awareness and playfulness. Learn from this Louisiana-born “preacher’s teacher” how to burn brightly in the world without burning out. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship, Brandeis Interfaith Group, Brandeis Multifaith Chaplaincy and Sangha Club
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rev. Matt Carriker, carriker@brandeis.edu

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Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3:00-5:15 p.m.
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SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Emily Conrad, edconrad@brandeis.edu

THE CULTURAL CONVERSATION
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Intercultural Center, Swig Lounge

Join us as we embrace the importance of dialogue, especially surrounding the topics of culture and diversity, in our collective journey toward social justice. We invite you to participate in an activity that will challenge you to think beyond the social norms of culture and diversity. Afterward, there will be a discussion that will leave you feeling more comfortable about being part of a cultural conversation. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: The Intercultural Center
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elba Valerio, evalerio@brandeis.edu
**STROLLING IN THE RUINS**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Alumni Lounge, Usdan Student Center

Prof. Faith Smith discusses the 1907 earthquake of Kingston, Jamaica, and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, examining both ruins that are literal and also the gendered and sexualized figures who are “ruined” in ways that are not necessarily visible. What does it mean to be the flâneur who can interpret these scenes, as a figure who is not subsumed by the ruins? Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by: Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series  
For more information: Shannon Hunt, shunt@brandeis.edu

**ED TALKS: WHAT DOES SOCIAL JUSTICE MEAN IN MODERN EDUCATION?**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

This event will highlight the personal and positive stories and experiences of educators working on the front lines of modern education. By sharing their stories, Brandeis faculty and alumni will explore the diverse ways in which social justice is realized in classrooms, schools and communities. Through mini TED talk-style presentations, panelists will share an array of narratives that celebrate the ways in which members of the Brandeis community have contributed to social justice through the field of education. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by: Education Program Undergraduate Department Representatives  
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**MASS INCARCERATION AND THE WAR ON DRUGS: “THE HOUSE I LIVE IN” FILM SCREENING**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

The past 30 years have shown an exponential increase in the number of people incarcerated for low-level drug offenses, which disproportionately affects poor and low-income communities and communities of color. The war on drugs largely has been responsible for feeding the crisis of mass incarceration. To find out more about how the United States now incarcerates more people than any other country in the world, and to find out how you can make a change, come see this stunning documentary! Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by: Students Against Mass Incarceration  
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**MORE THAN DOG: FINDING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN YOGA**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

This event will explore the connection between yoga and social justice — specifically, how do the principles of yoga encourage a more just society? And how can yoga empower all, regardless of social class or circumstance? We will discuss the theory and history of yoga, and explore pranayama (breath work) and asana. All are welcome to join this event, whether you are interested in learning more about the philosophy of yoga or are interested in exploring a different approach to encouraging a more just society. (Note: This will not be an hour-long yoga class, but do wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if you have one!)

Sponsored by: Yoga Club  
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**DEIS Impact College**

Sit in on open sessions of courses taught by faculty representing a spectrum of disciplines but a common goal: grounding college students’ passion for changing the world in solid theory. Join us for this showcase of academic engagement with social justice.

Location: All classes will be held in Sherman Hall, Hassenfeld Conference Center.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 5**

11:00-11:50 a.m.  
Social Justice and “Order and Change in Society”  
(SOC 1a), David Cunningham  
Noon-12:50 p.m.  
Social Justice and “20th-Century American Culture”  
(AMST 100b), Thomas Doherty  
1:00-1:50 p.m.  
Social Justice and “Microeconomics”  
(ECON 10a), Michael Coiner  
2:00-3:20 p.m.  
Social Justice and “Dancing the African Diaspora: Key Terms, Grammars”  
(AAAS 148b), Jasmine Johnson  
3:30-4:50 p.m.  
Social Justice and “Bollywood: Popular Film, Genre and Society”  
(ENG 20a), Ulka Anjaria  
5:00-6:20 p.m.  
Social Justice and “International Economic Law”  
(LGLS 127b), Guive Mirfendereski

**FRIDAY, FEB. 6**

9:30-10:50 a.m.  
Social Justice and “Masculinities”  
(SOC 115a), Gordie Fellman  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Social Justice and “American Transformations: Perspectives on United States History”  
(HIST 50b), Abigail Cooper

For more information on these courses, check the course listings at brandeis.edu/registrar.
**THURSDAY** February 5

**CIVIL DISCOURSE: A CHAPLAINS’ GUIDE TO “GUARD YOUR LIPS FROM EVIL”**
Thursday, Feb. 5, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan Student Center

How we disagree often has a greater impact than the disagreement itself. What can faith traditions teach us about agreeing to disagree for the greater good? Join the Brandeis Multifaith Chaplaincy for a thoughtful conversation on the power of words.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Multifaith Chaplaincy

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Rabbi Elyse Winick, rabbiw@brandeis.edu

**BP ART: PLURALISM AND THE ARTS**
Event: Thursday, Feb. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Display: Friday, Jan. 30-Monday, Feb. 9, all day
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

See page 6 for full description. Refreshments will be served at the event.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Pluralism Alliance

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**“ANITA,” AN AWARD-WINNING ARGENTINE FILM ABOUT A NATIONAL TRAGEDY SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF A WOMAN WITH DOWN SYNDROME**
Thursday, Feb. 5, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
See go.brandeis.edu/DEISimpact for location in the Heller School.

Acclaimed Argentine filmmaker Marcos Carnevale tells the remarkable story of a young woman with Down syndrome whose routine life in Buenos Aires is tragically disrupted by the horrific 1994 bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association. As Anita wanders through the city following the attack, she not only learns to care for herself but touches the lives of those around her. After the film, we will host a lively panel discussion about life with Down syndrome, hearing from self advocates, parents and professionals about their experiences. Refreshments will be served.

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**THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**
Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:00-11:30 p.m.
See go.brandeis.edu/DEISimpact for location.

See page 7 for full description.

**SPONSORED BY:** Hold Thy Peace

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**FRIDAY** February 6

**IT’S NOT BETTER IN MENTOR: BULLYING, SUICIDE AND DENIAL IN AN ALL-AMERICAN TOWN**
Friday, Feb. 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

The documentary “Mentor” (2014) tells the stories of two young people in upper-class Mentor, Ohio, who have recently committed suicide after prolonged and covered-up bullying. In filmed interviews, the families come to realize what their children already knew: Going to Mentor High School meant a daily battle to survive. The parents join forces in search of answers and justice, filing an unprecedented lawsuit against the school district for the deaths of their children that is met with willful denial and destroyed evidence. A discussion with filmmaker Alix Lambert and Psychological Counseling Center staff follows.

**SPONSORED BY:** Office of the Arts, the Psychological Counseling Center and the Film, Television and Integrated Media Program

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**COFFEE, CUPCAKES AND CONDOMS: CONTROVERSY IN REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**
Friday, Feb. 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

When does legality not equal access? Why is reproductive health a class and race issue? Why are crisis pregnancy centers free speech? Where is the dichotomy in the pro-choice movement? Would safe sex education lower abortion rates? Join this open discussion and complicate the idea of being pro-choice. Bring your thoughts, beliefs, testimonies, preconceptions and misconceptions to this smorgasbord of cupcakes, coffee and confusing contraceptives.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Students for NARAL Pro-Choice

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**SATURDAY** February 7

**“DON’T FORGET ME, SIR”: REFLECTIONS ON TRANSCONTINENTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING**
Saturday, Feb. 7, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Levine-Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

The presence of English Language Learning (ELL) in southwestern India is a case study in exploring how and why English has gained power in some primarily non-English speaking societies. Event attendees will be invited to share their own experiences with teaching English abroad, as well as their perspectives on the merits and drawbacks of ELL programs. In addition, this event will explore what kinds of ethical questions teaching English internationally pose. Indian food will be served.

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**KRAV MAGA SEXUAL ASSAULT DEFENSE AND AWARENESS SEMINAR**
Saturday, Feb. 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Rooms 3 and 4, Lindsey Sports Center

Social justice begins at home — with personal safety through physical and mental empowerment. Hear a presentation about self-defense and the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault (5:30–6:15 p.m., open to all). Following the presentation, a workshop will be held from 6:15-7:00 p.m., in which an instructor from Krav Maga Boston will discuss how to assess situations involving potential sexual assault and demonstrate specific techniques for self-defense in these scenarios. Participants will have the opportunity to work with each other and the instructors on these techniques. Athletic wear is highly recommended for the self-defense portion. (Because of Krav Maga policies, the workshop portion at 6:15 p.m. is limited to female-bodied individuals, but the presentation at 5:30 p.m. is open to all.)

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Krav Maga

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**BEATS OF PEACE**
Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Join drummer, teacher and writer Toussaint Liberator for a hands-on rhythmic journey exploring the roots of activism and social justice in the music of the African Diaspora. Liberator will lead a drum circle interspersed with his own insights and narratives on how music can bridge the gap between disparate communities and be the catalyst for peace. Instruments will be provided. No drumming experience necessary.

**SPONSORED BY:** Brandeis Beats

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**THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**
Saturday, Feb. 7, 8:00-11:30 p.m.
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**SUNDAY February 8**

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**THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**
Sunday, Feb. 8, 2:00-5:30 p.m.
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**Sibs’ Journey: broadening the narrative**
Sunday, Feb. 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

In summer 2013, Ellie Rosenthal ’16, Renee Frederick and Claire Nuchtern drove more than 10,000 miles around the United States and interviewed almost 100 siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities ages 4 to 84. Their goal was to give voice to a community that is not often heard, although the sibling relationship is usually the longest relationship someone has. Since then, they have held a conference at Brandeis for young adult siblings, bringing in medical and legal professionals to provide an overview of special needs trust funds, special needs residential options and current sibling research. Meet Ellie, Renee and Claire, and join the conversation.

**SPONSORED BY:** Sibs’ Journey

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ellie Rosenthal, erosen@brandeis.edu

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**ARE YOU WINNING AN UNFAIR GAME?**
Sunday, Feb. 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

As a society, we let random acts of birth determine who receives access to the best health care, educational systems and nutrition. Yet, many policymakers are surprised when those carrying the burdens of their birth are unable to succeed. So, Project Plus One challenges you: Can you win when the odds are stacked against you? Join us for a night of classic family games with some unusual twists. The night also features a short documentary, “Unnatural Causes,” detailing the racial, social and economic circumstances that illuminate the unfair distribution of health care in this country. At the end of the evening, we will explore together: What should be the prize for winning an unfair game? Refreshments will be served.

**SPONSORED BY:** Project Plus One

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Adele Huang, haiyan11@brandeis.edu
**FEATURED EVENT**

**HIATT INDUSTRY NIGHT:** SoJust Leadership

Monday, Feb. 9: Case challenge/panel, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; networking, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sherman Hall, Hassenfeld Conference Center

This three-part event helps students committed to social justice learn about ways to continue making a social impact in their careers after graduation. The event features a case competition followed by a panel discussion with experts who will raise awareness about key trends and share their personal experiences and career paths. Afterward, panelists and other industry guests will co-host a networking event to enable students to rotate through conversations with an array of experts who provide insights about their careers, academic backgrounds and organizations. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP at brandeis-csm.symplicity.com/events/SoJust2015.

**SPONSORED BY:** Hiatt Career Center

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- Archives & Special Collections, Brandeis Libraries
- Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society
- Brandeis Beats
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- Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship
- Brandeis Immigration Education Initiative
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- MLK Scholars of Academic Services
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- Office of the Arts
- Project Plus One
- Sangha Club
- Sibs’ Journey
- Students Against Mass Incarceration
- The Ripple Effect
- Waltham Group’s Hunger and Homelessess
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Yoga Club

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**‘DEIS IMPACT AFTER-PARTY!’**

Monday, Feb. 9, 9:15-10:15 p.m.

Cholmondeley’s Coffee House, Usen Castle

Come celebrate all that we have experienced in the last 10 days and our motivation to make positive change in the world! Enjoy some good music and open mic performances and write on the walls of Chum’s your answer to this question: “I will leave a lasting social impact by...” Also, make your own pin-back button! Write on the button your pledge to make the world a more socially just place. Refreshments will be served.

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Special Online Feature

“How Should I Choose My Commitments to Causes?” It is impossible for any one person to commit to taking action on every meaningful issue. DEIS Impact alone features many social justice–related events in a week. So how does an interested individual decide where, whom and how to help? Leah Igaldsky ’14 considers this question in a special “Ethical Inquiry” on the Ethics Center’s website, www.brandeis.edu/ethics/ethicalinquiry/2012/February.html.

Share Your Story and Learn from Others

Contribute to and learn from the Brandeis legacy of social justice professionals by sharing your personal story, professional path and career advice with current students and alumni. As a student, share your internship experiences through the Brandeis Internship Exchange at go.brandeis.edu/internshipexchange and read what others have contributed. As an alum, participate in Hiatt’s career-related volunteer opportunities at go.brandeis.edu/impactofone and become involved with your local alumni chapter to expand your network. To learn more, contact Alexandra Anweiler Stephens, Hiatt’s associate director of alumni engagement, at 781-736-3623 or astephens@brandeis.edu.

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Directions & Parking

For directions, visit brandeis.edu/directions.html.
Free parking is available behind Spingold Theater in T-lot.
Handicapped-accessible parking spaces are in the lower lot adjacent to Slosberg Music Center and throughout campus. The Shapiro Campus Center Info Booth is DEIS Impact Headquarters. Stop in for information about event locations, up-to-the-minute changes, more program booklets, lost and found, etc.

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What will be different because of this DEIS Impact Week?

How will I be different?

What specific actions can I take now to engage more with these issues?
FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WEEK’S EVENTS, VISIT

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