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?
The International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life and the Student Union present Brandeis University’s sixth 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.

**ACTIONS UNDER UNCERTAINTY**

“You have to act to make an impact,” said former ’DEIS Impacter Julia Sirota ’18. What happens, however, when we see a clear gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be but cannot decide on the best course of action to fix injustice? What if we want to change a situation but don’t know how?

It can be easy to submit to inaction. Many people dismiss their solutions to problems as not good enough or too small to make a real difference. They find themselves paralyzed with uncertainty and indecision in trying to find the “right” answer among so many possibilities. Paradoxically, our pursuit of the perfect answer can prevent us from implementing any solution at all.

In an interview with The Huffington Post, Black Lives Matter co-founder Alicia Garza said, “Non-participation is a viable strategy in some contexts — but ... we need to build a different and viable alternative. ... Non-participation doesn’t allow us to do that. It just creates more room for the forces that we don’t want to win, to win.”

Although it may seem harmless, inaction is not a neutral act. The late Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize-winning author and Holocaust survivor, said, “Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

All too often, we choose silence.

The purpose of ’DEIS Impact is to inform, to empower and to evoke thoughtful responses to social injustices. The diversity of approaches displayed in this annual festival of social justice reminds us that there can be multiple effective ways to address a single problem. We can act consciously to resolve the crises that plague us, through individual and collective actions, informed by scholarship and practice.

Writer Rainer Maria Rilke said, “Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.”

During this annual festival of social justice, we invite you to “live the questions” — listen to each other’s thoughts and experiences, share your own, let critical thinking inform activism, and collaborate with others to achieve a more just world.

Join us.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LEGACY FUND**

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“THE WORLD IN YOU AND YOU IN THE WORLD: IDENTITY IN ACTION”
With Rebecca Walker
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.)
Shapiro Campus Center Theater

In a complex and interconnected world, how can we come to understand the power and strength that arise from our own lived experiences while being respectful of others in their quest to find fulfillment? How can each of us leverage our individuality, strengths and skills to make the changes we wish to see in the world? How can we love, honor and reserve space for ourselves, while also serving as a force for social change?

Rebecca Walker, founder of the Third Wave Fund for Social Justice, was named by Time magazine as one of the most influential leaders of her generation. Through her coming of age as a biracial Jewish woman and embracing the power of renaming herself, Walker speaks to the intersections of race, gender, class and religion that shape today’s conversations about power, privilege and identity. She is the bestselling author of “Black, White & Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self” and the editor of “Black Cool: One Thousand Streams of Blackness.” Additionally, she co-starred in the 1998 film “Primary Colors” and continues to write and develop projects for television. Having lectured to critical acclaim around the world at more than 400 universities, corporations and organizational conferences, Walker brings two decades of experience, insight and innovation to the global conversation about identity, culture and power.

Co-sponsored by: Intercultural Center as part of its 25th anniversary

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-6:00 p.m., or Saturday, noon-4:00 p.m. (maximum two tickets per Brandeis ID). Off-campus guests should email pospecialevents@brandeis.edu or call 877-736-4098 with their 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.
“TRANSPARENT” SCREENING WITH POST-SHOW DISCUSSION
Featuring Rebecca Walker
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

Rebecca Walker is deeply engaged in today’s new wave of progressive television. Through her work on lesbian comedian Tig Notaro’s show, “One Mississippi,” television adaptations of her own works “Black Cool” and “Black, White and Jewish,” and her affiliation with “Transparent,” the Amazon original series created by Jill Soloway, Walker uses television as a medium to explore issues of identity and representation. “Transparent,” now in its third season, follows the relationships of a Jewish family after learning that their father identifies as transgender. Come to a screening of the “Transparent” episode “Kina Hora” (season 2, episode 1), in which Rebecca Walker is featured. Then join the discussion about the “New Hollywood” with Walker and panelists Aliyyah Abdur-Rahman (professor of English, African and Afro-American studies, and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, author of “Against the Closet: Black Political Longing and the Erotics of Race”); Brie McLemore and Alex Montgomery, both candidates in Heller’s joint Master of Public Policy/Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies program; and Triskelion member Ruth Galaviz ’17.

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STAND UP FOR PEACE: IF WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER, WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER
Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan

If you’ve ever felt frustrated by stereotyping, lack of communication or the perpetual “us vs. them” mentality, take a study break and laugh with us as Brandeis hosts the renowned joint comedy show Stand Up for Peace. Performed by liberal Jewish comedian Scott Blakeman and Palestinian Muslim-American comedian Dean Obeidallah, Stand Up for Peace “breaks new ground by finding common ground.” If you’re into conflict resolution (or just want a good laugh), don’t miss out on your chance to have a good time and celebrate the similarities in the situations faced by minority groups in the United States and around the world. Because if we can laugh together, we can live together.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Muslim Student Association, Brandeis Interfaith Group and Common Ground
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DESTRUCTION OF MEMORY
DOCUMENTARY AND EXPERT DIALOGUE
Thursday, Feb. 2, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

The destruction of culture — of buildings, books and art — is often not an accidental consequence of conflict. As we can see by the actions of ISIS in Iraq and Syria, the destruction of culture is part of a conscientious strategy to destroy the collective memory and identity of a people. This new documentary, based on the book by architecture critic Robert Bevan, offers stories of resistance, protection and rebuilding. Most importantly, it asks the viewer a vital question of our time: “How can we stem its path and save the story of who we are?” The screening will be followed by a conversation with filmmaker Tim Slade and Andras Riedlmayer, a witness on cultural destruction before the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

SPONSORED BY: Rose Art Museum and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
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MULTIDAY EVENTS

ARTS, EXHIBITIONS AND SCREENINGS
FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
IDENTITY, RACE AND GENDER
SOCIETY, CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP
STUDENTS IN ACTION
All events are free and open to the public.

**WE ARE BRANDEIS: STAFF STORIES**
Display: Friday, Jan. 27-Sunday, Feb. 5, all day
*Shapiro Campus Center Atrium*

Event: Monday, Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon
*Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room*

Brandeis staff stories collected by the class “Mapping Latino Boston” will be presented. There will also be a discussion of the images and staff stories on display in the Shapiro Campus Center Atrium, as well as a celebration of the diversity and contributions of the lesser known members of the Brandeis community.

**SPONSORED BY:** Latin American and Latino Studies Department
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Laura Brown, lcbrown@brandeis.edu

**HOMELESSNESS’S HOME: A PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY**
Display: Friday, Jan. 27-Sunday, Feb. 5, all day
*Shapiro Campus Center Atrium*

Homeless Home, a photography project created by a group of people in the Waltham Community Day Center who are mostly homeless, vulnerable and experiencing mental and physical abuses, shows things that they are happy about and grateful for in their lives. While homelessness is a difficult and dark issue, this presents a view of homelessness that is not often seen or contemplated. Come see what makes home and family for homeless people, and learn more about homeless issues and mental diseases in professional contexts.

**SPONSORED BY:** Waltham Community Day Center
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**INVISIBLE WALLS: LANGUAGE AND THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE**
Display: Friday, Jan. 27-Sunday, Feb. 5, all day
*Shapiro Campus Center Atrium*

Imagine living in a society in which you are expected to read, write and communicate in a language that you do not understand. Now imagine trying to be a successful advocate for yourself or your loved ones in that same society. Have you ever thought about how much you take for granted your ability to communicate openly or understand complex programs like the U.S. educational system? Simply put: What does English really mean to you? Stop by our interactive display to reflect on your own experiences and learn about what English means to immigrant families in our community.

**SPONSORED BY:** Waltham Family School
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ilana Cedarbaum, icedar@brandeis.edu
DAILY SCHEDULE
‘DEIS IMPACT KICKOFF PARTY
Thursday, Jan. 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Passionate about a cause? Excited to learn from other student activists and leaders? Join the 2017 ‘DEIS Impacter team and event coordinators as we kick off the sixth annual ‘DEIS Impact social justice festival. Featuring performances from top campus groups, the kickoff will be a great chance to get pumped for a week of social justice and get ready to take action!

SPONSORED BY: ‘DEIS Impacters
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FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO ORLANDO: QUEER POLICY ACROSS AMERICA IN 2016
Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Gender and Sexuality Center, Usdan

2016 was quite a year. In June, Jamie Shupe became the first legally non-binary person in American history. Yet just four days prior, a horrific mass shooting transpired at Pulse nightclub in Orlando on Latin Night. In March, the “bathroom bill” HB2 first passed in North Carolina, while in October a Nashville attorney worked to expunge the so-called felony of “homosexual acts” from people’s records. Join Queer Policy Alliance for a talk about policies like these, which still affect LGBTQ+ Americans today. How do these policies relate to America’s long history of discrimination against LGBTQ+ people? How can we work together to change them for the better? Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Queer Policy Alliance
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Laura Trietakova, laurat@brandeis.edu

WHAT DO JUDAISM AND ISLAM SAY ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE?
Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

Judaism and Islam are both rich living traditions of law, theology and philosophy that have much in common. What do these two traditions have to say about social justice and the roles of citizens, law enforcement and courts in the preservation of the rule of law in society? How can we use that to understand Black Lives Matter, police conduct and the American judicial system? Can religious perspectives help us better understand and address these concerns in the American context? Join us for hors d’oeuvres, conversation and expert analysis from both Jewish and Muslim perspectives as we try to better understand some of the most pressing issues in contemporary American life. Featuring Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pill, director and senior scholar at the Institute for Jewish-Muslim Action in Atlanta, and Brandeis professor Suheil Laher (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies).

SPONSORED BY: Common Ground, Brandeis Interfaith Group and Brandeis Muslim Student Association
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All events are free and open to the public.
MASS INCARCERATION SERIES PART I
(see Friday, Jan. 27, for Part II and Saturday, Jan. 28, for Part III)

MASS INCARCERATION: A PANEL ON CAUSES AND PATHWAYS TO CHANGE
Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan

The United States has only 5 percent of the world’s population but 22 percent of the world’s prisoners. Embedded in this problem is the over-representation of people of color within the criminal justice system, and the criminalization of poverty, mental illness and drug use. This panel will lay the foundation for participants to understand the basics of mass incarceration from panelists with lived experience inside the criminal justice system or experience on the front lines. All are welcome to come and ask questions of the panelists, facilitated by a moderator.

SPONSORED BY: Heller School for Social Policy and Management
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KOSHER/SOUL? BLACK JEWISH IDENTITY COOKING
Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Sherman Function Hall

How does food relate to identity? How do African-American and Jewish identities relate to food and to one another? Join food historian Michael Twitty for a cooking demonstration and discussion addressing the intersection of African-American and Jewish identities and exploring how food can be used to “mediate otherness and oppression.” Bring your questions and your appetite! Presented by Hillel at Brandeis as an installment of the Hillel Race Talks series.

SPONSORED BY: Hillel at Brandeis, Brandeis Black Student Organization and Brandeis Bridges
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Annie Lieber, alieber@brandeis

FRIDAY January 27

ACTIVIST LAB: ARTS AND THE REFUGEE SITUATION
Friday, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan

Are you a social activist? Are you an artist? None of these? Great, then join us! This activist lab will use interactive approaches to help social activists explore how art can be used for social justice work. The lab will specifically focus on how we can fight polarization in European and American society in regards to refugees. The concrete plans coming out of this workshop will inspire a new project called the Aleppo project, which will work with refugees in Berlin. While the lab will be held at Brandeis University, you will have the opportunity to work with experts from Germany and The Netherlands as well as Syrian refugees.

SPONSORED BY: The Center for German and European Studies and the Rose Art Museum
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ENDING MASS INCARCERATION: WHAT IS BEING DONE AND WHAT YOU CAN DO
Friday, Jan. 27, noon-1:30 p.m.
Mandel Center for the Humanities Reading Room 303

The state of incarceration in the U.S. should be a source of deep shame for the nation, but since shame doesn’t really help the millions of men, women and children impacted, what does? Or what might? This discussion features educators, activists and artists who are trying to address the gross injustice of a so-called justice system that disproportionately incarcerates and monitors along class and racial lines — and then is slow to “forgive” anyone with a criminal record. Panelists will explain how they got involved, give advice for approaching this work and provide an overview of the range of work that needs to be done.

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COFFEE, CUPCAKES AND CONDOMS
Friday, Jan. 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Coffee, Cupcakes and Condoms is a discussion centered on reproductive justice and its intersections. We ask, when does legality not equal access? Why is reproductive health a class and race issue? Where is the dichotomy in the pro-choice movement? This discussion aims to complicate the idea of being pro-choice; it is so much more than just the freedom to choose. Bring your thoughts, beliefs, testimonies, facts, lies, and especially preconceptions and misconceptions. Speakers will be dispersed within the discussion to offer unique perspectives to the already controversial idea that all people, regardless of race, location, previous conditions and socioeconomic status, deserve the best health care.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Students for Reproductive Justice
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‘DEIS IMPACT SHABBAT WITH HILLEL AT BRANDEIS
Friday, Jan. 27, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Sherman Function Hall

Join Hillel at Brandeis for a thematic Shabbat dinner and post-dinner program where we will engage in reflective and personal conversations about social justice. Experience a traditional Jewish Shabbat meal, open to all, while sharing in conversations about social justice and personal responsibility. We invite students of all faiths and secular backgrounds to bring their perspectives and voices. Please sign up between Monday, Jan. 23, and Thursday, Jan. 26, at go.brandeis.edu/shabbat.

SPONSORED BY: Hillel at Brandeis
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MASS INCARCERATION SERIES PART III
(See Thursday, Jan. 26, for Part I and Friday, Jan. 27, for Part II)

AND STILL WE RISE: INSIDE OUT, OUTSIDE IN
Saturday, Jan. 28, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

What is the impact of mass incarceration on prisoners? What is its impact on prisoners’ families, friends and loved ones? Is prison doing what we expect it to do? And Still We Rise offers a rich exploration using theater and interactive talkback as a means to educate ourselves about this world through the stories of people impacted by prison. We look forward to seeing you there. Visit www.andstillwerise.org for more information.

SPONSORED BY: Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, Institute for Behavioral Health
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BUSINESS INVESTING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE
Saturday, Jan. 28, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Can financial investments make the world more socially just? This panel features Brandeis alumni proving that they can. These alumni are using the power of business to improve systemic issues in society. Attendees will engage in a discussion about investing in social justice and divesting from social injustice. You’ll be empowered to support companies that have values that are consistent with yours. The panel features Carly Greenberg ’11, MA’12, Elana Reinholtz ’11 and Hannah Saltman ’12.

SPONSORED BY: Net Impact Brandeis Undergraduate Chapter
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STAND UP FOR PEACE: IF WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER, WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER
Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan

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SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Muslim Student Association, Brandeis Interfaith Group, Common Ground and Hillel at Brandeis
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Amna Ahmed, aahmed15@brandeis.edu
SUNDAY January 29

THE END OF GLOBAL POVERTY IS NEAR: BE AN ADVOCATE, TAKE A STAND
Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Mandel Center for the Humanities Reading Room 303

Over half the world lives on less than $2.50 a day. More than 80 percent of the world’s population lives in countries where income differentials are widening. How can we take a stand on these global issues? Join the Brandeis community for a discussion on how we, as students, can make a difference toward ending the global poverty crisis. Bring your thoughts, beliefs, testimonies, facts and opinions to this critical yet moving event. A speaker from the ONE Campaign will explore worldwide issues and help us delve into how we can take action to better the world. We hope to offer a unique perspective on the already pivotal world issues, as well as provide a resource to enact change.

SPONSORED BY: ONE at Brandeis
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sage Rosenthal, srose0706@brandeis.edu

HOUSING INSECURITY IN WALTHAM: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

What is a home? Is it an apartment, a house, a street, a neighborhood, a city? What happens when that home is taken from you? According to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, there were 21,135 people experiencing homelessness in just the state of Massachusetts in 2015, and this number continues to rise. Join Hunger and Homelessness, Habitat for Humanity and Waltham Alliance to Create Housing for a workshop and discussion on issues of gentrification, discrimination and homelessness right here in Waltham. Tell your housing story and listen to those of others from our community. Learn more about the steps we can all take to protect our neighbors’ rights to safe, secure and affordable housing.

SPONSORED BY: Habitat for Humanity, Hunger and Homelessness, and Social Justice and Social Policy Program
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rachel Lederer, rlederer@brandeis.edu

BOOKS AS MIRRORS: A WORKSHOP ON DIVERSITY IN MEDIA
Sunday, Jan. 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Mandel Center for the Humanities Reading Room 303

Join the Brandeis Harry Potter Alliance for a writing workshop and discussion on incorporating diverse characters into popular media. We will address the importance of representing every identity and how doing so impacts diverse audiences.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Harry Potter Alliance
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SPONSORED BY: Latin American and Latino Studies Department
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BRANDEIS ASIAN AMERICAN TASK FORCE: NOT YOUR MODEL MINORITY
Monday, Jan. 30, noon-1:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313
Join the Brandeis Asian American Task Force (BAATF) as we make space to talk about what it’s like to be Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) at Brandeis. What is the Model Minority Myth? What issues do AAPIs deal with, and why should we care about them? What is BAATF, and how can you work with us to make AAPI students more included and empowered at Brandeis? We welcome all to come listen to AAPI voices and seek answers to these questions as we learn/share/meet with each other. Lunch will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Asian American Task Force
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EXPLORING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE BRANDEIS CLASSROOM AND BEYOND: COURSES, INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS
Monday, Jan. 30, noon-1:30 p.m.
Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center
This student-focused event is designed to raise awareness and spark discussion about the variety of paths, within Brandeis and beyond, for students to explore and pursue their interest in social justice in diverse fields. Importantly, it is designed to help students think more critically about how to weave social justice into aspects of academic life at Brandeis, even if their major or internship is not obviously tied to social justice. This topic pertains not only to students but also to faculty and advisors as well as alumni.

SPONSORED BY: Health: Science, Society and Policy Program, Social Justice and Social Policy Program
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**IS POLYGAMY GOOD FOR WOMEN? RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND GENDER EQUALITY**
Monday, Jan. 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
*Hadassah Brandeis Institute Lecture Hall, Women’s Studies Research Center*


**SPONSORED BY:** Hadassah-Brandeis Institute
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**ASSESSING OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE IN BLACK HAIR SALONS**
Monday, Jan. 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
*Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center*

Relaxers, hair dyes, Brazilian Blowout, press and curl. How do these procedures affect the health of black women? Join students from the Environmental Health and Justice JBS program of fall 2015 as they present their findings from a study on the health and environmental effects of chemicals used in black hair salons in the Boston area. Discover the connection between social justice and environmental health.

**SPONSORED BY:** Environmental Studies Department
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Annie Fortnow, afortnow@brandeis.edu
RACIAL TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH: LET’S TALK ABOUT IT
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

Join Active Minds for a two-part event discussing the idea of racial trauma, its historical context, how it affects mental health and how we can help stop it. Our event will start off with an open fishbowl discussion with various professors, Brandeis community leaders and other students, and will finish with an open discussion in which everyone is encouraged to participate. This insightful conversation will shed light on a complex issue so prevalent in our society today.

SPONSORED BY: Active Minds at Brandeis University
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LURIE INSTITUTE FILM SCREENING: “SOUND AND FURY”
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Heller, Room TBA: Check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact for room number

“Sound and Fury” is a documentary that focuses on two brothers grappling with the decision of whether their children should receive cochlear implants. After jumping into the world of deaf culture and communication, a panel of experts in the field will reflect on and discuss the film and its current implications.

SPONSORED BY: Lurie Institute for Disability Policy
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eliana Rosenthal, erosen@brandeis.edu

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WITH REBECCA WALKER
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Shapiro Campus Center Theater

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CO-SPONSORED BY: Intercultural Center
DEFYING EXPECTATIONS: CHESS GRANDMASTER SUSAN POLGAR
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Sherman Function Hall

Chess is one of the world’s oldest games and is played in almost every culture. In spite of its far reach, it remains incredibly gender exclusive. Join us as we host Grandmaster Susan Polgar, one of the strongest chess players of the past 50 years and the first woman to earn the Grandmaster title through tournament play. She will speak about her experience as a woman winning her way to the top of a male-dominated, prejudicial game and her educational efforts with young girls. She will also engage in a Q&A and play a game of chess against five lucky members of the audience.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Chess Club, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joe DeFerrari, jrdef@outlook.com

RAISING YOUR VOICE: ADVOCACY, ARGUMENTATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan

Have you ever been nervous about speaking up? Whether in front of your friends or a crowd of strangers, it can be difficult to get up the courage to speak your mind, especially when topics get sensitive. Come join the Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society for an open workshop on using public speaking skills to tactfully articulate ideas, discuss current social issues and engage in advocacy.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Helen Wong, hwong621@brandeis.edu

“TRANSPARENT” SCREENING WITH POST-SHOW DISCUSSION FEATURING REBECCA WALKER
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

See page 4 for full description. Free and open to the public.

CO-SPONSORED BY: Film, Television and Interactive Media Program and the Eli J. and Phyllis N. Segal Citizen Leadership Program
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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.

*All classes will be held in the Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room.*

**THURSDAY, FEB. 2**

10:00-10:50 a.m. Celebrity Status and Social Justice: A Double-Edged Sword, an open session of SOC 156b, “Sociology of Celebrity,” with **Michael Strand**

11:00-11:50 a.m. Consumption as a Political or Ethical Activity, an open session of SOC 150b, “Culture of Consumption,” with **Laura Miller**

Noon-12:50 p.m. Contemporary Theater and the Theory of Bio-Power, an open session of ENG 170b, “Contemporary Theater and Performance: Between Rights and the Post-Human,” with **Tom King**

1:00-1:50 p.m. Stories Maps Tell and Stories Withheld, an open session of LALS 144b, “Mapping Latino Boston,” with **Laura Brown**

2:00-3:20 p.m. Strange Fruit: Lynching in History and Memory, an open session of AAAS 156a, “#BlackLivesMatter: The Struggle of Civil Rights From Reconstruction to the Present,” with **Chad Williams**

3:30-4:50 p.m. The Intersection of Race, Law and Power, an open session of ENG 141b, “Critical Race Theory,” with **Aliyyah Abdur-Rahman**

5:00-6:20 p.m. Ethical Dimensions of Big Data and Business Analytics, an open session of BUS 211f, “Analyzing Big Data,” with **Rob Carver**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3**

9:30-10:50 a.m. Responses to Social Injustice in Women’s Popular Cinema: The Case of “Marie Antoinette,” an open session of FILM 114a, “Genre, Gender and Women’s Filmmaking,” with **Mary Harrod**

11:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m. The Perils of Struggle: Post-Liberation Politics in Africa, an open session of AAAS 162a, “Assassination: A History of 20th-Century Africa,” with **Carina Ray**

To guarantee your seat, register no later than Jan. 25 at go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact. Walk-ins accepted on a space-available basis. For more information on these courses, check the course listings at brandeis.edu/registrar.
THURSDAY February 2

SHOULD WHERE YOU LIVE DETERMINE IF YOU LIVE? MEDICAL RELIEF IN PERU
Thursday, Feb. 2, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

Should where you live determine if you live? Why is health care access so sparse in developing countries? How can children get help if they are sick? Come listen to an esteemed speaker from the Brandeis faculty discuss health epidemics and inequalities prevalent in developing countries, specifically in Peru. Join us in becoming more attuned to the nuances of what it means to live in an underprivileged area and become part of the large network of Brandeis students committed to creating change on a greater platform than ever before. Peruvian food will be served.

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MODERN 3D PRINTING MEETS DISABILITIES
Thursday, Feb. 2, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan

How are emerging technologies enabling the future of social justice? Explore the world of prosthetics and how 3D printing is helping children and their families who cannot afford constant replacements of prosthetics as they grow. Learn how a global open-source community is using technology to help thousands of children with affordable custom 3D printed limbs. Have some snacks, see how the movement started, and begin construction of a hand (no experience required), taking the first step into getting certified in providing 3D printed hands to children in need!

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GENES IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Thursday, Feb. 2, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313

What are the implications of 21st-century genomic medicine? In this discussion panel, Brandeis United Against Inequities in Disease invites you to participate in a thought-provoking discussion on genetic testing, genetic counseling and the ethical issues that arise from modern genomic medicine. Panelists will include professors and professionals in the genetic counseling field.

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DESTRUCTION OF MEMORY — DOCUMENTARY AND EXPERT DIALOGUE
Thursday, Feb. 2, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar International Center

See page 5 for full description.

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FACULTY REFLECTIONS ON FIVE YEARS OF ‘DEIS IMPACT: A LUNCHEON DISCUSSION
Friday, Feb. 3, noon-1:50 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Revisit the first five years of ‘DEIS Impact with Brandeis faculty as they reflect on themes of previous keynote speakers. This retrospective will honor the work of this uniquely Brandeisian festival of social justice and identify opportunities for growth in the future of ‘DEIS Impact. Past keynote speakers were Ruth Messinger, president of American Jewish World Service (2012); Judy Dushku, professor of politics at Suffolk University and founder of the Ugandan organization THRIVE Gulu, and her daughter Eliza Dushku, actor and activist (2013); Kweku Mandela-Amuha and Ndaba Mandela, cofounders of Africa Rising and grandsons of Nelson Mandela (2014); Alan Khazei, cofounder of City Year and CEO of Be The Change Inc. (2015); and Germaine Ingram, civil rights lawyer and jazz tap dancer (2016). Brandeis presenters are Larry Simon (Heller), Madeleine Lopez (HIST and ICC), Chad Williams (AAAS), Larry Bailis (Heller) and Azlin Perdomo (HISP), moderated by Susan Curnan, chair of the Brandeis Faculty Senate, with ‘DEIS Impact steering committee members Alexandra Gustafson (MA candidate in philosophy) and David Herbstritt ’17, president of Brandeis Student Union, as student respondents. RSVP for lunch by Jan. 26 to Alyssa Kann akann@brandeis.edu and mention any dietary needs. This interactive lunchtime conversation is open to all.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP (NO LATER THAN JAN. 26): Alyssa Kann, akann@brandeis.edu. Please mention any dietary needs

BREAKING THE BINARY: THE CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR TRANSGENDER ATHLETES
Friday, Feb. 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Napoli Conference Room, Gosman

The fixed-gender binary in sports is something many of us take for granted. While the transgender community has made remarkable strides in recent years, the world of athletics continues to marginalize those who do not fit into strict gender delineations. Come down to Gosman and join us for a discussion about the challenges transgender athletes face as well as the possible solutions athletics can take to create an equitable playing field for all. Then stick around Gosman to support Brandeis basketball teams as they take on Emory! Games at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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CONTROVERSY IN JAPANESE FEMINISM
Friday, Feb. 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact for location

As one of the most developed and industrialized countries, Japan received failing marks in Humana’s “World Human Rights Guide” regarding the unequal status of women. This is a complicated situation worth discussing with people both inside and outside Japan. This exhibition will consist of photos and objects showing both sides of female status in Japan. Guest speakers will present different voices of Japanese feminism and discuss these issues. Come see how those in Japan think about equality and social justice, what kinds of choices they make, and how people outside Japan think about the same issues.

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BEING A REFUGEE, BEING A RESCUER: FILM SCREENING OF “THE PEOPLE’S CRISIS”
Friday, Feb. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Saving refugees requires thorough understanding of not only political and social situations in the area but also the emotional states and mindsets of the refugees you are trying to help. What did they experience? What did they feel? How could the rescuers improve their processes by understanding this? Join us to watch “The People’s Crisis,” a documentary produced by Brandeis Liberty in North Korea, and learn about what it feels like to become a refugee and a rescuer. After the film, we will hold a brief discussion on what mindset we should have to become social justice workers. Light refreshments will be served.

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‘DEIS IMPACT OPEN MIC NIGHT: DIVERSIFYING DISCUSSION THROUGH ARTISTIC EXPRESSION
Friday, Feb. 3, 9:00-10:30 p.m.
Chum’s Coffeehouse

Find out how open mic night expression easily provides access to instant connections between people through their own stories, narratives and empathic connection inside a safe space. All students and members of the Brandeis community are welcome to attend this public event, a performative liberation that presents the grounds for social justice and active, true expressions of art, in the peaceful space of Chum’s Coffeehouse.

SPONSORED BY: Laurel Moon, English Department
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OVERLOOKED STEM WOMEN: GENDER JUSTICE THEN AND NOW
Saturday, Feb. 4, noon-1:30 p.m.
Geller, Hassenfeld Conference Center
Have you ever heard of the ENIAC programmers? Most people do not know anything about this hidden history of computer science and the groundbreaking accomplishments of female programmers. Six incredible women made the first all-electronic, programmable computer, known as ENIAC, as part of a secret project during World War II. However, they were never recognized for this work and were largely erased from history — until now. Come be inspired by “The Computers,” a documentary that tells the story of these brilliant young women, including interviews and exclusive footage from the 1940s. Stay for an open discussion of how this story can influence the male-dominated field of computer science.
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TALKING SOCIAL JUSTICE ACROSS DISCIPLINES
Saturday, Feb. 4, noon-1:30 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center
Want to break your academic work out of the ivory tower? Join Deisortium, the Brandeis Multidisciplinary Consortium, and This Anthropological Life for a conversation spanning across disciplines and beyond academia. Together we will discuss current initiatives at Brandeis to communicate academic research to a broader audience as well as brainstorm future collaborations. The event will be audio and video recorded for public engagement.
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STANDFEST
Virtual Reality Video Display: Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium
Film Festival: Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact for location
Want to learn about genocide and mass atrocities around the world? Join us as part of STANDFest, a traveling film festival to empower students to support policy efforts advocating for genocide and mass atrocity prevention. STAND has partnered with the Nexus Fund to offer “Call Us Rohingya,” a 10-minute Virtual Reality experience highlighting the plight of the Rohingya, a persecuted minority group living in forced displacement camps in Burma. The film festival will also feature a documentary about resources fueling the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Panelists will discuss the progress of conflict mineral legislation and the state of political affairs in Congo. Don’t stand by, STAND up.
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RISING ABOVE: AN EXPLORATION OF DANCE AND BODY CULTURE  
Saturday, Feb. 4, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Levin Ballroom, Usdan

Join us for an event that explores body culture through various dance performances, as well as a debrief discussion following the performance. The first dance is focused on body standards and the detrimental mental and physical effects they can have on us. The second dance is focused on working to rise above this societal pressure to conform to a certain body standard and accepting the way we look. Come explore the societal pressures of body culture through the use of mirrors as well as various dance techniques.

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ETHICS OF VOLUNTEERING ABROAD  
Saturday, Feb. 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Service is an integral part of Brandeis, but what comes to mind when we think about international service? Join us and a few members of the Brandeis faculty to talk about what service means to us and how we can be better social justice workers for the world.

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ACTIVISM THROUGH SONG: ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH FOLK MUSIC, A CONCERT AND DISCUSSION WITH MAGPIE
Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Mandel Center for the Humanities Forum
Fighting for civil rights and against racism on the same stage as Pete Seeger and the SNCC Freedom Singers. Opposing mountaintop removal, fracking and other egregious forms of resource extraction. And joining the struggle for Earth defense and religious freedom among America’s First Nations, fighting to stop the exploitation of Native lands by the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines. How can this be done through song? The award-winning folk duo Magpie has done all of this and more. Magpie will give a concert and then lead a discussion about how music can be used to fight for social justice. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Traditional Music Club, Brandeis Farmer’s Club, Brandeis Guitar Club, Peace, Conflict and Coexistence Studies, Department of Music, Education Program, Environmental Studies Program, Social Justice and Social Policy, and Students for Environmental Action
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‘DEIS IMPACT AFTER-PARTY
Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:30-10:30 p.m.
Chum’s Coffeehouse
Come celebrate all that we have experienced over the last 10 days and our motivation to make positive change in the world! Come to our after-party to learn how you can diversify your world and apply what you learned during ‘DEIS Impact to your everyday life. Also come to hear some of your favorite campus groups perform on topics related to social justice. Raffle winners will be announced and can receive their prizes as well! Free food provided. This event is meant to be a fun way to celebrate the lasting “impact” of ‘DEIS Impact.

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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 Igadalsky ’14 considers this question in a special “Ethical Inquiry” on the Ethics Center’s website: www.brandeis.edu/ethics/ethicalinquiry/2012/February.html.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Share Your Story and Learn From Others

Join 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, review your past service-related internships in the Brandeis Internship Exchange at go.brandeis.edu/internshipexchange and read what others have said. As an alum, participate in a variety of career-related volunteer opportunities at alumni.brandeis.edu/careers/volunteer/index.html, including Wisdom Wanted, Hiatt’s popular online alumni-student networking program. To learn more, contact Alexandra Stephens, associate director of alumni career programs and engagement, at 781-736-3623 or astephens@brandeis.edu.

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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 information 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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