MAKE an IMPACT!

FEBRUARY 1-10, 2014

'DEIS IMPACT! : A FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Brandeis University
The International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life and the Student Union present Brandeis University’s third annual weeklong “festival of social justice.” Students, professors, clubs and academic departments have planned dozens of events, including talks, art-making workshops, performances, exhibitions and discussions. Check go.brandeis.edu/deisimpact for up-to-the-minute information about the week’s events.

Where does social justice begin? Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, H’54, contended that human rights originate “in small places, close to home — so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works.” We suggest the same is true for social justice.

Roosevelt, a former Brandeis professor and trustee and U.N. ambassador, added, “Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination.”

The Brandeis community understands this. And because you’re reading this, you are included in that community. Like the Brandeis students simultaneously getting an education and living social justice now, those involved with ‘DEIS Impact — organizers, presenters and attendees — are not content with bromides like “once you graduate, you can make a difference.” They are working for change now in their individual circles of influence, knowing that small acts can make a big difference that expands into the larger world. And they are also not afraid to turn a critical lens of social justice toward their own small place close to home: Brandeis itself.

Whether you are a student, faculty or staff member, alumnus of Brandeis or another school, or a resident or business owner in the community, you are invited to be part of ‘DEIS Impact. A uniquely Brandeis response to calls for social justice by pioneers like Eleanor Roosevelt, this third annual ‘DEIS Impact is a collaboration between the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life and the undergraduate Student Union.

The enthusiastic response to ‘DEIS Impact highlights the individual and collective efforts of Brandeis students, faculty, staff, clubs and academic departments to portray, define and work toward achieving social justice on campus, in Waltham and around the world.

We invite you to put Roosevelt’s words into action and explore social justice at your “small place close to home.” At ‘DEIS Impact, we are doing this through collective learning, dialogue, action and commitment. Whether it’s engaging in a public narrative workshop, diving into a ball pit to help break down perceived barriers between people or creating a collective artistic definition of social justice, there’s a way for you to get involved.

Join us.

What does social justice really mean? Does trying to define the term help us think more clearly and work together more productively? Or is trying to define it a useless rhetorical exercise?

How can I get involved more effectively in social justice work?

How can I turn my passion into a career?

What will be different because of this ‘DEIS Impact week? How will I be different?

Some of the questions explored during the week:

Special thanks to the legacy fund
‘DEIS Impact is made possible in part through the generous support of the Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice, which supports Brandeis students, enhances campus life and promotes the issues of social justice that the former U.S. Supreme Court justice championed throughout his life. Since its establishment in 2006, the Legacy Fund has sponsored a series of initiatives designed to help students, enrich the university community and address social justice concerns both on and off campus. The Legacy Fund was founded by Jules Bernstein ’57 and is funded in part by Bernstein and his wife, Linda Lipsett.
Africa Rising: The Mandela Legacy and the Next Generation of African Leadership

WITH KWEKU MANDELA-AMUAH AND NDABA MANDELA

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

As the world commemorates the 20th anniversary of South Africa’s historic 1994 elections, Kweku Mandela-Amuah and Ndaba Mandela will speak about creating the Africa Rising Foundation, which honors their grandfather Nelson Mandela’s legacy by seeking to publicize a positive image of Africa and instill a sense of pride and purpose in young Africans across the globe. Through numerous projects, publications, films and social media, the foundation aims to inspire young Africans in four strategic areas: education, culture, entrepreneurship and leadership development to create a new generation of “Afro-Sophisticates.”

The keynote talk is in collaboration with the Ruth First Lecture Series sponsored by the African and Afro-American Studies Department.

TICKET INFORMATION: For free tickets to the DEIS Impact keynote address, stop by the box office in the Shapiro Campus Center during the following hours when classes are in session: Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m. or Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Off-campus guests please email rsvp700@brandeis.edu or call 866-801-6340 and leave 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 Gassel in the Office of Special Events at egassel@brandeis.edu or 781-736-4037. All ticket requests must be received no later than Jan. 31.
All events are free and open to the public. Tickets are required only for the keynote (see page 2).

“A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE” — A COMPELLING DRAMA
Thursday, Feb. 6-Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 8-Sunday, Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m.

In this play, Arthur Miller raises questions about the bonds of family in 1950s Brooklyn, N.Y. Eddie Carbone is a simple, hard-working man who has inherited the duty of raising his niece, Catherine, after his sister’s death. Life is smooth and predictable until his wife’s two cousins, illegal immigrants from Italy, move in with the family. When Catherine and one of the cousins, Rodolfo, begin a relationship and want to marry, Eddie suspects Rodolfo is using Catherine to obtain American citizenship. As Eddie attempts to protect his niece, he sets into motion a series of events that will lead to devastating consequences.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Theater Company
TICKETS: go.brandeis.edu/BrandeisTickets or 781-736-3400

BRANDEIS UNITES IN SERVICE: THREE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
Tuesday, Feb. 4, Wednesday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 8
Visit go.brandeis.edu/deisimpact for times and locations.

Put your passion for social justice into action by joining ‘DEIS Impact for a series of off-campus service projects sponsored by the Student Union and the Department of Community Service. Students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in any or all of our three service projects, where you can form connections while positively impacting our Waltham and Greater Boston community. Transportation will be provided, and all service trips will be followed by time for reflection and refreshments! To register, please visit the ‘DEIS Impact website and fill out the Brandeis Unites in Service registration form. We’ll see you there!

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sneha Walia, swalia@brandeis.edu

CONTINUING TO BUILD A VISUAL DEFINITION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
Tuesday, Feb. 4–Thursday, Feb. 6, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center (SCC) Atrium

“Social justice” is a hard concept to put into words. So why not take a different approach? Take a piece of ceramic tile and draw on it the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear “social justice.” These ceramic pieces will be assembled into a mural that will be Brandeis’ visual definition of social justice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lindsay Mitnik, lmitnik@brandeis.edu
LIGHTS, CAMERA, INACTION — DEPICTING GENOCIDE, CRIME AND WAR IN AN AGE OF A CHANGING MEDIA: AN ART INSTALLATION
Official opening: Monday, Feb. 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room
Exhibition on display: Saturday, Feb. 1-Monday, Feb. 10, Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

“Whoever controls the media controls the mind.” — Jim Morrison
War crimes and genocides are often overlooked and misrepresented in the media. This exhibition explores the media’s role in reporting on such tragedies, including the Holocaust and current events in Syria. In addition to the exhibition, the opening event will feature speakers and slam poetry.

SPONSORED BY: STAND Against Genocide
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Alpert, dalpert@brandeis.edu

PLURALISM, UNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE ARTS: AN ART EXHIBITION
Exhibition on display: Saturday, Feb. 1-Wednesday, Feb. 5
Reception and performance: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

Demonstrate your interpretations of pluralism, unity and Brandeisian commitment to social justice through poems (including haiku), video clips, photography, paintings, drawings, spoken word and other performances. The Brandeis Pluralism Alliance will award up to three prizes to encourage participation and to recognize outstanding works of art that capture these themes.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Pluralism Alliance
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elaine Wong, ewong@brandeis.edu

PORTRAITS OF PURPOSE: FOCUSING ON SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS IN BOSTON AND THE WORLD
Sunday, Feb. 2-Sunday, Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Slosberg Music Center Lobby

See page 14 for full event description.

SPONSORED BY: Graduate Student Association and Peacebuilding and the Arts students from PAX 250
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Largaespada, jlargaespada@brandeis.edu

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND YOU: AN INTERACTIVE DISPLAY
Saturday, Feb. 1-Monday, Feb. 10
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

What does social justice mean to you? Write down your thoughts and paste them on the large three-dimensional sculpture that will be on display in the SCC Atrium. By the end of the week, what will start off as a simple white sculpture will transform into a mosaic of color and ideas from Brandeis community members.

SPONSORED BY: Student Union Social Justice and Diversity Committee
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Naomi DePina, ndepina@brandeis.edu

SLAVERY, PAST AND PRESENT: AN ART EXHIBITION
Saturday, Feb. 1-Monday, Feb. 10
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Slavery has existed since the dawn of civilization, with millions of people exploited and brutalized for the benefit of others. Yet, while slavery is often considered a thing of the past, it is, in fact, a reality of the present. There are currently 27 million slaves in the world, more than ever before in history. We not only contribute to the slave trade through the products we buy, but America is one of the top destinations of the slave trade. Come learn about the past and present of slavery, because education is the first step to eliminating it from our future.

SPONSORED BY: Poverty Action Coalition
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Talia Niederman, talia839@brandeis.edu

TAKE A SEAT, BREAK DOWN BARRIERS
Friday, Jan. 31-Monday, Feb. 10
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 how they view 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
DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY January 31

'DEIS IMPACT 2014 KICKOFF!
Friday, Jan. 31, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Come see what 'DEIS Impact is all about! Explore social justice in the ball pit organized by The Ripple Effect, meet the event organizers, find out which events best suit your interests and more! See how far the world has come in the quest for social justice, and see how much more there is to achieve. Free cotton candy and popcorn!

SPONSORED BY: 'DEIS Impacters
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Heather Spector, hspector@brandeis.edu

SATURDAY February 1

LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: THE CRAFT OF PUBLIC NARRATIVE
Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

In this workshop, we will reflect on the motivational aspect of leadership and learn the power of storytelling in enhancing people’s emotional capacity to fight injustices, stand for what they believe in and, well, basically change the world! Because we believe that learning is best done through practice, participants in this workshop will each craft a five-minute public narrative! We’ll divide out learning into four parts: Story of Self (“Why do I care?”), Story of Us (“Why do we care?”), Story of Now (“Why now?”) and Linking (public narrative). Originally adapted from the works of Professor Marshall Ganz of Harvard University.

RSVP REQUIRED (SPACE LIMITED): Inbal Ben-Ezer, ibenezer@brandeis.edu
*Participation must be for the full duration of the workshop.

All events are free and open to the public. Tickets required only for the keynote (see page 2).
very different social action projects. Discover the power of working together and embracing a variety of perspectives as we spend the afternoon making our community and the world a little better.

SPONSORED BY: The Now Project
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jessica Goldberg, jsg27@brandeis.edu

COMPOSING OUR LIVES TOGETHER: SONGWRITING WORKSHOP WITH JANE WILBURN SAPP
Sunday, Feb. 2, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Slosberg Music Center Recital Hall
See page 15 for full event description.
SPONSORED BY: Peacebuilding and the Arts Students from PAX 250
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Stiefel, djstiefel@brandeis.edu

TOXIC EXPOSURE IN NAIL SALONS: AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STUDY PRESENTED BY THE 2013 JUSTICE BRANDEIS SEMESTER
Sunday, Feb. 2, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room
Have you ever thought about what exactly you are breathing in at your local nail salon? Nail salon technicians can spend eight-plus hours a day at their profession, exposing themselves to thousands of chemicals with little ventilation protection. The U.S. government does not regulate the chemicals allowed in salon products. More and more chemicals are being found to cause damage to our body’s nervous systems, respiratory tracts and even reproductive abilities from repeated exposure. The 2013 Justice Brandeis Semester Environmental Health and Justice class will present the findings from their study of salon ventilation and chemical exposures from 15 local Boston nail salons.
SPONSORED BY: Justice Brandeis Semester Environmental Health and Justice, Environmental Studies Department
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Margaret Back, mback@brandeis.edu

SUNDAY February 2

BE A DJ: CREATE A SOCIAL JUSTICE SONG!
Sunday, Feb. 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center, Room 315
Are you curious about what DJing has to do with social justice? This event will show you. You’ll have the opportunity to DJ by creating a mix that represents your definition of social justice. Music can often express things that words cannot, so this event gives you a unique outlet to express what social justice means to you.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Heather Spector, hspector@brandeis.edu

DO JUSTICE AND LOVE KINDNESS: MODELS OF CHARITY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN JUDAISM
Sunday, Feb. 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center
The Now Project promotes Jewish pluralism on campus and facilitates discussion about collaboration across boundaries in the world beyond Brandeis. Join The Now Project in exploring a diverse array of social action and charity philosophies in Jewish text and culture. After an hour of interactive learning and exploration, we will venture off campus and engage in two

MONDAY February 3

CAN MEN BE FEMENISTS?
Monday, Feb. 3, noon-1:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Room 313
Do you like equality? What about social justice? Then you should consider being a feminist! Contrary to popular belief, feminism cuts across identities, including gender. Whether you know what “intersectionality” means or are trying to understand how feminism applies to groups beyond women, this event is an opportunity to learn more about the philosophy of equality. A diverse group of male feminists will discuss their experiences practicing feminism in their personal and professional lives. This event is for people of all genders who want to explore their relationship with feminism. Refreshments.
SPONSORED BY: Heller School’s Gender Working Group
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Patrick Cutrona, pcutrona@brandeis.edu
Christianity, Sexuality and the LGBTQ Community: An Affirming, Justice-Based Perspective

Monday, Feb. 3, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Feldberg Lounge, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Christian religious authorities and Christian tradition have often claimed that lesbian, gay and bisexual activities are sinful. Yet throughout Christianity today, a progressive Christian voice is offering new perspectives about LGBTQ persons, affirming that people with non-heterosexual orientations and transgender and gender-nonconforming identities are loved, accepted and blessed by God just as they are. Enter into dialogue about this affirming, justice-based Christian perspective with Professor Bernadette Brooten, the Robert and Myra Kraft and Jacob Hiatt Professor of Christian Studies, as well as Brandeis Catholic Chaplain Father Walter Cuenin and Protestant Chaplain Rev. Matt Carriker. We will also hear testimonies from Brandeis students. Refreshments.

Sponsored by: Chaplaincy and Triskelion
For more information: Rev. Matt Carriker, carriker@brandeis.edu

Lights, Camera, Inaction — Depicting Genocide, Crime and War in an Age of a Changing Media: An Art Installation

Official opening: Monday, Feb. 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room
Exhibition on display: Saturday, Feb. 1-Monday, Feb. 10, Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

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Sponsored by: STAND Against Genocide
For more information: David Alpert, dalpert@brandeis.edu

Building Understanding: A Focus on Homelessness in Local Communities

Monday, Feb. 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Any challenge to basic values is usually perceived as threatening. Come join us as we challenge stereotypes about homelessness in our local community. Tatjana Meschede, senior lecturer at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, will present on homelessness in Massachusetts, highlighting her own work and observations. Following her presentation, there will be small discussion groups on attitudes toward homelessness and ways to get involved.

Sponsored by: Habitat for Humanity
For more information: Selene Campion, scampion@brandeis.edu

BAASA Presents: Growing Up as the “Model Minority”

Monday, Feb. 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan Student Center

What does the term “model minority” mean exactly? It is apparently the Asian/Asian-American, but we want to explore what this means for society as a whole. Come join the Brandeis Asian American Students Association (BAASA) for a panel discussion with members of the Brandeis faculty who fall into this category to discuss both the positive and negative connotations that come along with this title and what it’s like being an Asian or Asian American in the United States. Refreshments.

Sponsored by: BAASA
For more information: Jennifer H. Kim jenhkim@brandeis.edu

Queerlogues

Monday, Feb. 3, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

Queerlogues is a variety show of queer/LGBTQ stories as poetry, music, monologues or just about anything! Designed to give voice to an often silenced group, this event will explore queer identities, gender and sexualities through the lens of social justice. Refreshments.

Sponsored by: Queer Resource Center
For more information: Nikk Wasserman, nikkwass@brandeis.edu

Breaking the Gridlock: A Dialogue with No Labels

Monday, Feb. 3, 8:30-10:00 p.m.
Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Frustrated by the bickering between Democrats and Republicans paralyzing our government? Come join No Labels at Brandeis for a constructive conversation about difficult political issues. We’ll ask, “What issue could we never compromise on?” and follow it with a dialogue — not debate — about why that issue is so hard to discuss. We’ll discover that, despite our differences, people all along the political spectrum share a surprising number of values. Using that common ground as a starting point, we will show how compromise is possible. Refreshments.

Sponsored by: No Labels at Brandeis
For more information: Michael Abrams, mrabrams@brandeis.edu

My Social Justice Identity: Power, Privilege and Allyship

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Room 313

Have you stopped to think about your own role in social justice work? Join us for a reflection lunch, where we’ll explore your role and identities (race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc.) and how this informs social justice work. We’ll use this to examine the power and privileges that come with these identities and how they inform our motivations to advocate for social justice. By the end of this lunch, we’ll come up with ways to use your identities to effect positive change and empower the communities around us. Snacks provided; bring your lunch.

Sponsored by: Department of Community Service
For more information: Jack Korpob, pkorpob@brandeis.edu
SEEKING LIVES OF PURPOSE: Images, Songs and Stories That Challenge and Inspire

FEATURING cultural worker JANE WILBURN SAPP
and photojournalist DON WEST

PORTraits OF PURPOSE: Focusing on Social Justice Leaders in Boston and the World

Sunday, Feb. 2-Sunday, Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Slosberg Music Center Lobby

Both local unsung heroes and international figures who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of equality — including Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou, Mel King and Brandeis alumna Angela Davis ’65 — are the focus of photojournalist Don West’s stunning portraits of an impressive array of veteran and emerging leaders from the worlds of arts and culture, activism and politics, and education and development. Images and stories of African-American leaders and their allies invite conversation about social justice and diversity, past, present and future. The portraits will come to life in pop-up performance around campus, and in the lyrics of an original song!

COMPOSING OUR LIVES TOGETHER: SONG-WRITING WORKSHOP WITH JANE WILBURN SAPP
Sunday, Feb. 2, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Slosberg Music Center Recital Hall

Join the dynamic activist, musician, educator and cultural worker Jane Wilburn Sapp to create an original song that will inspire us to compose lives devoted to social justice. We will draw themes from “Portraits of Purpose” and from our own experiences and aspirations. Musical background welcome but not required. Participation limited. Before Jan. 27 see details at brandeis.edu/ethics/peacebuilding/arts/jsapp.

SPONSORED BY: Peacebuilding and the Arts students from PAX 250
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Stiefel, djstiefe@brandeis.edu

AIN’T YOU GOT A RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE: SPIRITUALITY AND THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSICAL TRADITION
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Slosberg Music Center Recital Hall

Jane Wilburn Sapp will offer a performance and a presentation that identify the roots of the African-American musical tradition in West African cultures, in the period of slavery and in the Black church, illustrating how music became a platform in which the voices, lives and struggles of her community could be expressed and heard. Songs combining the community’s spiritual impulses with its commitment to social justice prepared the ground for the nonviolent movement for civil rights. Sapp’s captivating stories, singing and piano playing will make it hard not to sing along!

SPONSORED BY: Peacebuilding and the Arts students from PAX 250 and the Social Justice Social Policy Program
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Stiefel, djstiefe@brandeis.edu

MEET AND GREET ARTISTS DON WEST AND JANE WILBURN SAPP: RECEPTION
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12-2 p.m.
Slosberg Music Center Lobby

Celebrate Don West and Jane Wilburn Sapp while enjoying light refreshments and good conversation!

SPONSORED BY: Graduate Student Affairs, Graduate Student Association and the Program in Peacebuilding and the Arts. Cosponsored by Intercultural Center; Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences; Office of the Dean of Student Life; Peace, Conflict and Coexistence Studies; Protestant Chaplain’s Office; Social Justice Social Policy; and others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Largaespada, jllargaespada@brandeis.edu
**GENERATION 2 GENERATION: AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

How does the meaning of social justice change from one generation to the next? In this interactive discussion, we will examine the past, present and future of social justice. Join students, ambassadors and members of the Brandeis National Committee as we come up with unique perspectives of social justice in the world around us. Refreshments.

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

**PLURALISM, UNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE ARTS RECEPTION**

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (exhibition Saturday, Feb. 1-Wednesday, Feb. 5)
Shapiro Campus Center Art Gallery

See exhibition information on page 6.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Pluralism Alliance
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elaine Wong, ewong@brandeis.edu

**BEATS OF PEACE**

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan Student Center

All are welcome to be part of a memorable journey in peacemaking and beat-making! Professor Cynthia Cohen of the Brandeis Peacebuilding and the Arts Program will discuss her research on African drumming as a tool to bridge ethnic gaps between warring tribes in Burundi. Then apply Cohen’s insights to a community drum circle led by Toussaint Liberatior, a music educator on the African-American experience. Liberator is also the lead singer of Soulive and has shared the stage with The Rolling Stones, The Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer and others. People from all rhythmic backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Beats
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Aliza Gans, alizagans@brandeis.edu

**BRANDEIS ACADEMIC DEBATE AND SPEECH SOCIETY (BADASS) PRESENTS: DEBATING FOR A MORE JUST FUTURE**

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Visit go.brandeis.edu/deisimpact for location.

The Brandeis Academic Debate And Speech Society is excited to present its annual DEIS Impact public debate. This year’s topic — “Are drone strikes a moral and just national security measure?” — will critically engage in this important conversation and provoke further community discourse. Check out one of the nation’s top parliamentary debate teams and enjoy scrumptious desserts at the same time!

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society (BADASS)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Altman, daltman@brandeis.edu

**BRANDEIS UNITES IN SERVICE**

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Visit go.brandeis.edu/deisimpact for times and locations.

See page 5 for full event description.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sneha Walia, swalia@brandeis.edu

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**PURSUEING JUSTICE WITHOUT BEING A JERK: JEWISH APPROACHES TO FIXING THE WORLD**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 11:00 a.m.-noon
Office of High School Programs, Kutz 133

In this engaging discussion-based session, we will study classical Jewish texts to explore the role of ego, self-interest and selfishness in the pursuit of social justice and to answer the question: “Is it possible to be an activist for change and still have friends?” No knowledge of Hebrew or Judaism necessary. Coffee and donuts provided.

SPONSORED BY: Office of High School Programs
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rabbi Charlie Schwartz, cschwartz@brandeis.edu

**SELLING OUR FUTURE? BRANDEIS, FOSSIL FUELS AND CLIMATE INJUSTICE**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

Is Brandeis complicit in climate injustice? Join us and our expert panel to discuss Brandeis’ involvement in climate change. Specifically, we will discuss the merits of divesting Brandeis’ endowment of fossil fuel companies to challenge the “social justice” of Big Oil and Gas. The panel will discuss essential climate justice questions: What are the current effects of climate change? How is climate change a social justice issue? What is divestment? How can this common sense strategy strengthen Brandeis’ commitment to social justice? Please join us in discussing divestment, social justice at Brandeis and how students can advance meaningful climate action.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Divestment Forum
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rohan Bhatia, rohan.bhatia@brandeis.edu

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “AFRICA RISING: THE MANDELA LEGACY AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF AFRICAN LEADERSHIP” WITH KWEKU MANDELA-AMUAH AND NDABA MANDELA**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

See page 2 for full event description and free ticket information.

**BRANDEIS UNITES IN SERVICE**

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SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sneha Walia, swalia@brandeis.edu
DEAD MEN STILL WALKING: A Firsthand Account of Death Row by Death Penalty Activist Sister Helen Prejean

Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

What is it like to await death for a crime you didn’t commit? Find out from Sister Helen Prejean, America’s most famous advocate for abolishing the death penalty. After being a spiritual adviser to a death row inmate and witnessing his execution, Sister Helen wrote the bestselling “Dead Man Walking,” later an Academy Award-winning movie. Her next book followed the executions of two men who she became certain were innocent. Hearing Sister Helen is electrifying; her sense of moral urgency — and humor — show how her work has helped transform American attitudes and laws. Come hear her discuss the true costs of death row.

SPONSORED BY: Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Liz Eckley, lizm010@brandeis.edu

FUELING EFFICIENCY, REDUCING POVERTY

Thursday, Feb. 6, noon-2:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

What does energy have to do with poverty? Globally, over 1.3 billion people are experiencing “energy poverty,” meaning lack of access to energy services such as electricity and heating. A dark, cold home often results in a myriad of health problems. No one should have to suffer through a cold winter because he or she cannot afford to pay utility bills or make home efficiency upgrades. Come learn about the intricacies of energy access, public health and the environment — along with ways to mitigate fuel poverty in your own community!

SPONSORED BY: Students for Environmental Action
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Haley Orlofsky, haleyo14@brandeis.edu

THE SECRET UNDERGROUND RAILROAD OUT OF NORTH KOREA

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

A government that severely limits personal freedoms, punishes even the most minor infractions and deliberately starves its people should be held accountable for its actions. However, no one has taken action to stop the North Korean government from carrying out mass executions, torture and collective punishment. North Korea is the most isolated and least-known-about country in the world. Get a rare look past the guarded walls of North Korea in “Seoul Train,” a gripping documentary about the secret underground railroad that helps North Korean refugees escape, and hear the testimony of one of the conductors of the underground railroad. Refreshments.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Liberty in North Korea
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SOCIAL JUSTICE FROM AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

Friday, Feb. 7, 12:50 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan Student Center

In his sermon at Jum’ah (Muslim Friday prayer service), Brandeis University Chaplain Imam Talal Eid will speak about social justice in Islam. Refreshments.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Imam Talal Eid, iteid@brandeis.edu

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WSRC Lecture Hall

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SPONSORED BY: Women’s Studies Research Center
RSVP (SPACE LIMITED): Linda Bond, ljgbond@brandeis.edu

DEAD MAN WALKING: A Firsthand Account of Death Row by Death Penalty Activist Sister Helen Prejean

Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

What is it like to await death for a crime you didn’t commit? Find out from Sister Helen Prejean, America’s most famous advocate for abolishing the death penalty. After being a spiritual adviser to a death row inmate and witnessing his execution, Sister Helen wrote the bestselling “Dead Man Walking,” later an Academy Award-winning movie. Her next book followed the executions of two men who she became certain were innocent. Hearing Sister Helen is electrifying; her sense of moral urgency — and humor — show how her work has helped transform American attitudes and laws. Come hear her discuss the true costs of death row.

SPONSORED BY: Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Liz Eckley, lizm010@brandeis.edu

FUELING EFFICIENCY, REDUCING POVERTY

Thursday, Feb. 6, noon-2:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

What does energy have to do with poverty? Globally, over 1.3 billion people are experiencing “energy poverty,” meaning lack of access to energy services such as electricity and heating. A dark, cold home often results in a myriad of health problems. No one should have to suffer through a cold winter because he or she cannot afford to pay utility bills or make home efficiency upgrades. Come learn about the intricacies of energy access, public health and the environment — along with ways to mitigate fuel poverty in your own community!

SPONSORED BY: Students for Environmental Action
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THE SECRET UNDERGROUND RAILROAD OUT OF NORTH KOREA

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center

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’DEIS Impact College

NEW THIS YEAR!
Sit in on open sessions of courses taught by faculty representing a range of disciplines but one 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. 6
10:00-10:50 a.m. Social Justice and “Protest, Politics and Change: Social Movements” (SOC 155b), David Cunningham
11:00-11:50 a.m. Social Justice and “Comparative Study of Human Societies” (ANTH 1a), Jonathan Anjaria
Noon-12:50 p.m. Social Justice and “Culture of Consumption” (SOC 150b), Laura Miller
1:00-1:50 p.m. Social Justice and “World War I” (HIST 137b), Paul Jankowski
2:00-3:30 p.m. Social Justice and “Health Economics” (HSSP 104b), Dominic Hodgskin
3:30-4:50 p.m. Social Justice and “Business in the Global Economy” (BUS 70a), Ricardo Lopez
5:00-6:20 p.m. Social Justice and “International Economic Law” (LGLS 127b), Guive Mirfendereski
6:30-8:30 p.m. Social Justice and “Analyzing Big Data” (BUS 211f), Rob Carver

FRIDAY, FEB. 7
9:30-11:00 a.m. Social Justice and “Nature, Nurture, and Public Policy” (SOC 176a), Peter Conrad
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Social Justice and “Power and Violence: The Anthropology of Political Systems” (ANTH 156a), Elizabeth Ferry

For more information on these courses: check the course listings at brandeis.edu/registrar.
**Saturday, February 8**

**One to One — Lending a Hand to Women in Afghanistan: A Collaborative Art Project**  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Shapiro Campus Center Room 313

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**Magic Can’t Create Food: Can You?**  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sherman Hall, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Join the Harry Potter Alliance for a “Chopped”-style competition, where students are challenged to make full, nutritious meals on the average weekly budget of a low-income American family. See how difficult it is to make this a reality, learn about hunger in America, and see some of your favorite staff members judge the meals created. Help us use the laws of J.K. Rowling’s world to fight evil and inequality in ours!  
SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Harry Potter Alliance: Imagine Better  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sarah Zoloth, szoloth@brandeis.edu

**Brandeis Unites in Service**  
Saturday, Feb. 8

Visit go.brandeis.edu/deisimpact for times and locations.  
See page 5 for full event description.  
SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Union  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sneha Walia, swalia@brandeis.edu

**Sunday, February 9**

**The Sustainability of Food: Should Who You Are Define What You Eat?**  
Sunday, Feb. 9, noon-2:00 p.m.  
Feldberg Lounge, Hassenfeld Conference Center

As Brandeis’ identity upholds the value of social justice, it is time that we start addressing topics of food justice. There are multiple food injustices in Waltham as well as in greater Massachusetts that include food deserts, lack of access and other food discriminations surrounding race, socioeconomic status and income. Waltham has many residents who do not feel that they have the means to nourish and provide for their families on a daily basis. With various individuals who have seen such injustices, we will discuss how Brandeis might begin to fight these issues for our staff, employees and our surrounding community.  
SPONSORED BY: Students for Environmental Action and Real Food Brandeis  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Maura Boughter-Dornfeld, maurabd@brandeis.edu

**Show Me Justice: BTV Film Festival**  
Sunday, Feb. 9, 8:00 p.m.  
Mandel G3

Open film festival of Brandeis students showcasing social justice causes. These filmmakers lend visual representation to a social problem of interest to our community. The festival will also include a Q&A with the students who made the films. Watch social justice in action! From global health to gay marriage, witness what your peers are passionate about! Refreshments.  
SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Television (BTV)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rohan Narayanan, rohann@brandeis.edu

**Monday, February 10**

**Recognizing the Roma Conflict: An Exploration of Human Rights**  
Monday, Feb. 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

The Roma population for the past several centuries has endured unapologetic racism and discrimination. As a result of being a marginalized but large minority in Europe, they have had difficulty realizing and advocating for their human rights. Join Margareta Matache, PhD, Harvard FXB Center; Camilla Ida, PhD, student at Copenhagen University and fellow from Harvard; Damiana Andonova from Brandeis University; and Kate Ryan, director of the documentary “Welcome Nowhere,” for a panel discussion on the current status and struggles of Roma throughout the world. Stay after the panel for the screening of “Welcome Nowhere,” a telling documentary about Roma in Bulgaria. Refreshments.  
COSPONSORED BY: Health, Science Society and Policy Program and Peace, Conflict and Coexistence Program  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Damiana Andonova, andonova@brandeis.edu

**3rd Annual Brandeis SoJust Leadership Forum**  
Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Sherman Hall, Hassenfeld Conference Center

See page 24 for full event description.  
SPONSORED BY: Hiatt Career Center  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Caroline O’Shea, oshea@brandeis.edu

**‘DEIS Impact After-Party!**  
Monday, Feb. 10, 9:15-11:30 p.m.  
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

Come celebrate all that we have experienced the last 10 days and our motivation to make positive change in the world! Write on the walls of the Shapiro Campus Center your answer to this question, “As an Advocate for Social Justice, I will...” Also, make your own pin-back button! Write on the button your pledge to make the world a more socially just place.  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Heather Spector, hspector@brandeis.edu
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The SoJust Leadership Forum will be the capstone event of ‘DEIS Impact. Featuring Brandeis alumni in diverse fields including education, law and activism, this networking event will inspire current Brandeis students to see how their passions and experiences — through academics, volunteering, internships and campus leadership — can translate into a career in public service and social justice. The program begins with an alumni panel presentation on the topic of careers in social justice. Following the panel, alumni and recruiting representatives will host a series of round table networking discussions with students to share insights about their expertise area or organization, industry trends and applying to volunteer, internship or entry-level positions.

SPONSORED BY: Hiatt Career Center; Career Development Center at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management; International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life; Department of Community Service, and Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

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**TAKE ACTION**

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 Igdalsky ’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

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/impactfor 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.

**DIRECTIONS & PARKING**

For directions, visit go.brandeis.edu/directions. Free parking is available behind Springfield 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 & found, etc.

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