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FEBRUARY 1-11, 2018

DEIS IMPACT!: A FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Brandeis University
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 seventh annual weeklong festival of social justice. Students, professors, clubs and academic departments have planned dozens of events, including talks, workshops, performances, exhibitions and discussions.

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

FIND YOUR SOCIAL JUSTICE SPARK — OR LIGHT SOMEONE ELSE’S!

Our time at Brandeis is fleeting, but the impact we make can continue onward and outward. The potential for change is not limited to a project, job or policy. It is limited only by our efforts — and those efforts can be amplified by belonging to a university that fosters a community of peers (of all ages) committed to social justice.

When introducing the first ‘DEIS Impact in 2012, then-Student Union President Herbie Rosen ’12 lauded Brandeis as the only school he knew of that incorporated social justice as a pillar of its framework. “I never saw a school so enthralled with social justice as this campus is,” he said. “It’s not every day that a university as young as we are, as small as we are, climbs the rankings as one of America’s top schools, translating the great Supreme Court justice’s life and legacy into a commitment to make an impact.”

Rosen continued, “‘DEIS Impact is a time when we recognize, question and discuss the unexplainable institutional love we have here at Brandeis for local action.”

‘DEIS Impact is a reflection of Brandeis’ legacy of social justice and the desire to make a positive impact on our communities — school, city, country and the world. Our society needs positive change-makers to fight for justice every single day on multiple fronts.

Here at Brandeis, we have an opportunity to make an amplified impact over just a few days through this microcosmic social justice event known as ‘DEIS Impact. We can empower individuals in their own social justice undertakings. During this short time, we can begin change in our community and start to build — and be — the leaders who will carry this legacy of social justice into the world beyond Brandeis.

Be a part of this change. Take a few minutes to participate, listen, learn and get involved. Simple acts can become a part of something greater and help us make an outsized impact.

“Few will have the greatness to bend history,” declared Robert Kennedy in a 1966 address in South Africa to University of Cape Town students, “but each of us can work to change a small portion of the events, and then the total — all of these acts — will be written in the history of this generation.”

This is our moment to act.

Join us.

Jacob Edelman ’18 and Hannah Brown ’19 contributed to this introduction.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LEGACY FUND

‘DEIS (short for BranDEIS) 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 on and off campus. The Legacy Fund was founded by Jules Bernstein ’57 and is funded in part by Mr. Bernstein and his wife, Linda Lipsett.
“ONE PERSON AT A TIME, ONE HUMANITY CLOSER”: TACKLING THE SYRIAN CRISIS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE
With Nadia Alawa

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Theater

As Syria’s brutal conflict unfolded, one woman in New Hampshire decided to take action. Nadia Alawa founded NuDay Syria at her kitchen table in 2013. In just four years, it has grown into a multimillion-dollar humanitarian relief organization.

But how can someone on the outside help those in crisis in a way that respects their dignity? How can we ensure we are aiding and empowering them — not undermining or insulting them? Hear how Alawa grappled with these questions as she found a way to address humanitarian needs in one of the most challenging parts of the world, starting with nothing but conviction and commitment.

ABOUT NuDAY SYRIA
NuDay Syria focuses primarily on those in need in Syria, both in besieged areas and in the north. It helps people rebuild their lives through work opportunities, social business and self-sustainability programs for women, along with supporting schools. NuDay Syria sends 40-foot shipping containers of donations monthly from New Hampshire to northern Syria and refugee camps in Turkey. Its crowdsourced campaigns focus on aiding widows and children, with a special interest in empowering women to be self-reliant.

ABOUT NADIA ALAWA
A graduate of Copenhagen University with a degree in pedagogy, Nadia Alawa lives in New Hampshire with her husband and eight children. She grew up in Denmark and has lived in Japan, New York and Massachusetts. She has given a TED talk and has been featured on CBS, NECN’s “The Morning Show” and in The Boston Globe. She also was recognized by The Huffington Post as one of the “Top Ten Muslims Who Save Lives.”

No tickets required; free and open to the public
AMAL KASSIR: ISLAMOPHOBIA ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES
Saturday, Feb. 3, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Theater

Amal Kassir is a hijabi Syrian-American spoken-word artist. A recent graduate from the University of Colorado Denver, she has performed in 30 cities in eight different countries. These performances include college stages and refugee camps. Her work focuses on bringing educational opportunities to displaced Syrian children. At Brandeis, Kassir will give a talk about Islamophobia on college campuses and in the larger world. She will focus on the importance of humanizing individuals and reaching out across boundaries that may separate us. Please join us in welcoming her to the campus and engaging in works of interfaith dialogue. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Muslim Student Association and Social Justice Committee of the Student Senate
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lizy Dabanka, edabanka@brandeis.edu, and Sohaima Khilji, ksohaima@brandeis.edu

JUST BECAUSE YOU’RE IN A STORM DOESN’T MEAN THE STORM HAS TO BE IN YOU
Wednesday, Feb. 7, Talk: 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Dinner: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Talk: Rapaporte Treasure Hall, Goldfarb Library; Dinner: Alumni Lounge, Usdan

If we are not careful, we can become overwhelmed by the heavy weight of personal and social challenges — particularly when working for social justice. It is possible not just to survive but to thrive during trying times by practicing three dynamic daily rituals: rest, retreat and creative response. In this workshop, Kirk Jones will teach how to be in a storm without letting the storm be in you, without compromising vital inner capacities that enable us to offer transformative responses to the contrary winds of life. Learn from this Louisiana-born “preacher’s teacher” how to burn brightly in the world without burning out.

SPONSORED BY: Department of Spiritual and Religious Life, Brandeis Interfaith Group (BIG) and Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Matthew Carriker, carriker@brandeis.edu
MULTIDAY EVENT

Free and open to the public

**MAPPING DISPLACEMENT: REFUGEE CRISES IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

Display: Thursday, Feb. 1-Sunday, Feb. 11, all day  
*Shapiro Campus Center Atrium*

Globally, 65.6 million people have been forced to flee from their homes, including 40.3 million displaced in their home countries and 22.5 million refugees. The magnitude of these numbers can be difficult to grasp, and too often the human side can be forgotten. Mapping Displacement is a visual interactive display illuminating the intricacies of refugee crises around the world. All members of the community are invited to explore and reflect.

**SPONSORED BY:** STAND: The Student Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities  
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DAILY SCHEDULE

ARTS, EXHIBITIONS AND SCREENINGS
IDENTITY, RACE AND GENDER
SOCIETY, CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP
STUDENTS IN ACTION
THURSDAY February 1

CONVERSATIONS IN GLOBAL HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY
Thursday, Feb. 1, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

An esteemed panel of global health professionals will engage with the Brandeis community in a discussion aimed at addressing the opportunities and obstacles to global aid and global health service delivery. Faculty, staff and students of Brandeis and other local universities are welcome to attend. The panelists will present their unique platforms and answer questions from a proctor and from the audience.

SPONSORED BY: YourStory International
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DISTINCT AND UNITED: A SPEAK-IN ON ASIANS, ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS
Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Intercultural Center Lounge

What do the terms “Asian American” and “Pacific Islander” (AAPI) really mean? These are sweeping categories that encompass people from a wide range of origins and experiences. The term “Asian American” has been part of our identity terminology only since the 1960s, and was actually created to connect and empower these extraordinarily diverse communities. Join the Brandeis Asian American Task Force as three AAPI speakers share their work, their personal and professional journeys, and how we can find commonalities and unity through the AAPI label. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Asian American Task Force (BAATF) and Brandeis Asian American Student Association (BAASA)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Maxwell Tang, dtang@brandeis.edu

‘DEIS IMPACT KICKOFF PARTY
Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact

Passionate about a cause? Excited to learn from other student activists and leaders? Join the 2018 ‘DEIS Impacter team and event coordinators as we formally kick off the seventh annual ‘DEIS Impact social justice festival. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: ‘DEIS Impacters
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Julia Sirota, jsirota@brandeis.edu

All events are free and open to the public.
**FRIDAY February 2**

**WORDS MATTER: HOW TO HELP SOCIAL MOVEMENTS BY USING HUMANIZING LANGUAGE**  
Friday, Feb. 2, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
*International Lounge, Usdan*  
Do you want to make an impact on social injustices around the world? If so, a crucial step is understanding and properly using language and terminology. Join Active Minds at Brandeis University and The Fortune Society in an engaging and insightful event that will address the need, importance and impact of using humanizing language both in everyday conversations and especially in social movements. The event will include a captivating seminar followed by an all-inclusive roundtable discussion. Refreshments will be served.  
**SPONSORED BY:** Active Minds at Brandeis University and The Fortune Society  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ely Schudrich, eschudrich@brandeis.edu

**AND STILL WE RISE**  
Friday, Feb. 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
*Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room*  
And Still We Rise brings stories of the impact of prison on the incarcerated and their families, friends and loved ones. Stories of struggle and overcoming will be performed by the people who lived and continue to live them. Participants will share responses to the stories presented and discuss ways to address the inequities of mass incarceration. Leave feeling educated and empowered. Refreshments will be served.  
**SPONSORED BY:** And Still We Rise Productions  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Gail Hall and Dev Luthra, andstillwerise@gmail.com

**SLAM IMPACT**  
Friday, Feb. 2, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
*Mandel Center for the Humanities Forum*  
Slam Impact is an intentional space for students to share their life experiences through poetry and spoken word. The theme of the performances is “living social justice.” Our performers will articulate their own journeys to take social justice from a theoretical level to a lived and personal one in poetic and beautiful language. You are encouraged to come, listen, join in and reflect. Refreshments will be served.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lizy Dabanka, edabanka@brandeis.edu, and Sohaima Khilji, ksohaima@brandeis.edu
**R E U S E: RECONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP FOR SUSTAINABILITY**
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313

The average American throws away between 65 and 81 pounds of clothing per year; this amounts to as much as 26 billion tons of waste per year in the United States — just for clothing! In partnership with Art in Suburbia, this DIY workshop will bring out our artistic sides as we engage in creative ways to combat waste and promote sustainability. Bring your old clothing and tarnished fabrics to reconstruct into new garments, create original artwork or donate to the program, and discuss ways to further encourage donation, repurposing and recycling of clothing. The workshop is open to people with all levels of experience and participation.

Students who own personal sewing kits or handheld sewing devices are encouraged to bring their own, as a limited number are available for use. However, it is not required for attendance.

**SPONSORED BY:** Art in Suburbia

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Linda Ferrer, lvferrer@artinsuburbia.org

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#STANDUPFIGHTBACK: HOW TO ORGANIZE ON CAMPUS
Sunday, Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

This workshop will focus on providing strategies and tools to organize and lead successful social justice campaigns on campus. Attendees will learn a variety of ways they can use their privilege to promote equality for students, faculty and workers on campus and foster solidarity with state-wide, national and global movements. Focusing on action, attendees will learn the best ways to produce tangible results through organizing. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Labor Coalition
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lucy Wingard, wingardl@brandeis.edu

SITES OF INTERSECTION: COLLEGE, ACTIVISM AND IDENTITY
Sunday, Feb. 4, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

How are colleges situated to be birthing sites for activism and identity exploration? How might university students navigate and use their undergraduate time to effectively enact change? A special guest will speak on the intersections of activism and identity, followed by a collaborative discussion facilitated by members of the Queer Resource Center. This event aims to prompt a critical analysis of and conversation about student activism at and beyond Brandeis. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Queer Resource Center and Sexuality and Queer Studies Program
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milena Jeffers, mjeffers@brandeis.edu, and Kavita Sundaram, ksundaram@brandeis.edu
CIRCLE UP! A NEW PLAY INVESTIGATING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
Monday, Feb. 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Theater
Circle Up! is performed by Youth Underground, an ensemble that creates and performs original theater that investigates social issues relevant to young people. Their pieces are created through a series of interviews with the community. This performance includes interviews centered on the achievement gap. See and hear what is going on in urban high schools by listening to the voices of real students — and the educators who work with them — as they describe the effects of opportunity gaps and implicit bias on their everyday lives.
SPONSORED BY: Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation Program (CAST)
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“SOUND AND FURY”: A FILM SCREENING BY BRANDEIS ASL CLUB & LURIE INSTITUTE
Monday, Feb. 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Heller School, room TBA; check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact
What are the different ways in which society views and understands deafness? How is this related to the intense controversy over cochlear implants? The entire Brandeis community is invited to join the Brandeis American Sign Language Club and the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy as we explore these questions and deepen our understanding of deaf identity and culture. We will begin by watching the powerful documentary “Sound and Fury,” which follows two families faced with deciding whether or not to give their children cochlear implants. Afterward, a panel of experts in the field will offer their perspectives and lead an in-depth discussion on the issues raised in the film. Refreshments will be served.
SPONSORED BY: Brandeis American Sign Language Club and Lurie Institute for Disability Policy
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Victoria Sharaga, victoriasharaga@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE CASE CHALLENGE
Monday, Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room
RSVP: brandeis.joinhandshake.com/events/105484/share_preview
The Waltham Group and Hiatt Career Center are proud to join two popular employer-partners, UNICEF USA and City Year, in hosting a case challenge for students. Students will be presented with real challenges faced by our employer-partners. On the day of the event, students will be divided into small teams to work collaboratively to propose solutions to a designated challenge. Teams will then present their recommendations to recruiters from UNICEF USA and City Year. Students will then receive feedback from our employer-partners, and two student teams will be recognized.
SPONSORED BY: Hiatt Career Center, Waltham Group, City Year and UNICEF USA
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‘DEIS DOES CIT SCI: CITIZEN SCIENCE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:30-1:50 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

Scientific research is more than PhDs in lab coats at prestigious universities. Science can also be a kindergarten class raising and tagging monarch butterflies, or hobbyists recording bird sightings, or other collaborative efforts between local residents and professional researchers. “Citizen Science,” in fact, led to the discovery of the extent of the Flint, Michigan, water crisis. Join us as we hear from Dr. Mark Chandler, the international director of research at the Earthwatch Institute, on how citizen science can help pursue a more socially just world. Afterward, guests will learn how to use a citizen science platform, iNaturalist, in order to participate in this April’s global City Nature Challenge.

SPONSORED BY: Environmental Studies Department and Environmental Studies Undergraduate Department Representatives (UDRs)
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WORK AND WORKERS AT BRANDEIS: THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT RUN
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan

Unions play an integral role in solidifying the just treatment of workers — a goal shared by Brandeis’ five unions. Brandeis’ Leftists for Direct Action and the Brandeis Labor Coalition will host a panel of campus union workers, who will discuss their experiences as part of a union and specifically the role that unions play at Brandeis.

SPONSORED BY: Leftists for Direct Action and Brandeis Labor Coalition
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KEYNOTE: “ONE PERSON AT A TIME, ONE HUMANITY CLOSER”: TACKLING THE SYRIAN CRISIS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH NADIA ALAWA
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Theater
No tickets required; free and open to the public

See page 3 for full description.
OWNING YOUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS
Wednesday, Feb. 7, noon-1:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313

Have you ever balanced a budget? Can you tell the difference between a stock and a bond? Do you know how to file your tax return? If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you are not alone. Thousands of students graduate from high school and college without receiving the basic financial literacy education necessary to independently manage their lives and careers. Junior Achievement (JA) fills that void by providing students across New England with dozens of financial literacy workshops and programs, all free of charge. You are invited to join speakers from JA as they discuss their experiences helping ensure all students have the skills they need to enter the workforce. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Junior Achievement of Northern New England
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jake Rong, jrong@brandeis.edu
EXPLORING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE BRANDEIS CLASSROOM AND BEYOND: COURSES, INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313

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/internship/etc. is not obviously tied to social justice. Faculty, advisers and alumni are also welcome to attend and reflect. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Health: Science, Society and Policy (HSSP), Hiatt Career Center
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Matthew Carriker, carriker@brandeis.edu

H2WOE: THE STRUGGLE FOR CLEAN WATER

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan

Why is diarrhea such a large cause of death in many countries? What can we do to change that? In an ever-modernizing world, we are facing a water crisis like none other. Join the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children as we show “A World Without Water,” a documentary that depicts the worldwide struggle for water with a focus on Bolivia, Detroit, Dar Es Salaam and Rajasthan. Following the documentary, we will host an open discussion regarding the importance of water sanitation and what we can do to help. Take initiative and get involved in your own community to ensure water accessibility for future generations.

SPONSORED BY: Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Talia Gerard, taliagerard@brandeis.edu
THURSDAY February 8

MODERN DAY SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING: A SURVIVOR’S STORY
Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sherman Function Hall, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Approximately 15,000-17,000 men, women and children are trafficked into the United States every year. These men and women are brought into the country seeking a better life and instead are faced with a living nightmare. From physical to emotional abuse, stripped identities and no compensation, survivors of slavery and trafficking have incredibly moving stories to tell. Hear from a survivor of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. See for yourself how slavery still exists in the U.S. and the world. Find out what you can do to help stop it.

SPONSORED BY: Hillel at Brandeis
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Anna Stern, astern1@brandeis.edu

POWERS OF PLACE: INEQUITIES OF GEOGRAPHY AND WORK IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Lurias, Hassenfeld Conference Center

In the 21st-century economy, location is everything. This career and social justice-related event will focus on the challenges for individuals and communities in both accessing jobs and pursuing upward mobility due to their geographic location. Some challenges that will be discussed are barriers to transportation and the decline of opportunities in rural regions. Explore the privileges and challenges of place, consider alternatives and solutions, and share your experiences with this social and economic issue.

SPONSORED BY: Net Impact: Brandeis Undergraduate Chapter
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IS TEACH FOR AMERICA FOR AMERICA?
Thursday, Feb. 8, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Location: check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact

Education is the hallmark of a child’s development. We must strive to make it as equitable as possible. With this in mind, a panel of faculty and educators will examine social justice in the classroom as it is executed by Teach for America and similar organizations. Teach for America seeks to bring university graduates interested in education into underprivileged communities. However, Teach for America and other post-grad education organizations have been criticized for not actually fulfilling the mission of social justice in education. We will provide a critical look at social justice in education, and create a space to view our activism and make sure it is achieving our goals. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Renee Korgood, rkorgood@brandeis.edu
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 the Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

2:00-3:20 p.m. An open session of the anthropology course ANTH 119a, “Conquests, Resistance and Cultural Transformation in Mexico and Central America,” with Charles Golden

3:30-4:50 p.m. An open session of the environmental studies course ENVS 18b, “International Environmental Conflict and Collaboration,” with Charles Chester

5:00-6:20 p.m. An open session of the classical studies course CLAS 192b, “Slavery in the Roman World” and its modern implications, with Bernadette Brooten

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

9:00-11:50 a.m. An open session of the graduate-level Heller School course HS 289f, “Sustainable Economic Development Strategies,” with Nader Habibi and Can Erbil

Noon-1:50 p.m. An open session of the politics course POL 187b, “Conservative Political Thought,” with Bernard Yack

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

To guarantee your seat, register by Jan. 25 at go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact. Walk-ins accepted on a space available basis.

‘DEIS Impact College is a collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at Brandeis University.
‘DEIS IMPACT GRADUATE STUDENT AND POSTDOC POSTER SESSION
Friday, Feb. 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium
Brandeis graduate students and postdocs will present their expertise or scholarly work in social justice in the form of creatively designed posters. The session will be an inviting, open-format experience where the Brandeis community is welcome to stroll through and view the posters on display. The graduate student and postdoc poster designers will be available to further articulate the meaning behind their work and answer questions.

SPONSORED BY: ‘DEIS Impact
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jonathan Kroll, jkroll@brandeis.edu

AFTER THE STORM: HOUSING INSECURITY IN THE WAKE OF NATURAL DISASTERS
Friday, Feb. 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
International Lounge, Usdan
There have been numerous devastating natural disasters in recent months, which can be easily forgotten as time passes. At this event, we will hear from guest speakers who have worked directly in the aftermath of these storms. Specifically, we will discuss how disasters affect housing security, particularly for populations experiencing homelessness before these storms. How are their lives affected by hurricanes? Come learn more about the long-term damage to housing security and households resulting from these disasters and how you can help. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Waltham Group Hunger and Homelessness and Habitat for Humanity
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MODERN 3D PRINTING MEETS DISABILITIES
Friday, Feb. 9, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Alumni Lounge, Usdan
How are emerging technologies enabling the future of social justice? Come explore the world of 3D printed prosthetics and learn how 3D printing is helping children and their families who cannot afford constant replacements of their prosthetics as they grow. Become part of a global community that is using technology to help thousands of children around the world with affordable 3D printed limbs. Have some snacks, learn about the 3D printing movement, and help build 3D printed prosthetic hands! No experience with 3D printing required.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Prosthesis Club
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Alison Tassone, atassone@brandeis.edu
“THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, NOT THE END” WITH CHINESE LGBTQIA+ ACTIVIST ZI’EN CUI (崔子恩)
Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Theater

Zi’en Cui（崔子恩）is a Chinese avant-garde director, producer, author and pioneering LGBTQIA+ activist. He founded the first LGBTQIA+ film festival in China called Beijing Queer Film Festival, which was forcibly ended by the Chinese government. Cui responded, “This is only the beginning, not the end.” He now lives in the U.S. and has received numerous international awards for his activism. During this event, Cui will show a clip of his movie “Queer China, ‘Comrade’ China,” speak about his experience as a queer person and LGBTQIA activist and lead a discussion about intersectionality, queer culture and international activism. Refreshments will be served.

SPONSORED BY: Queer People of Color Coalition and Brandeis Asian American Task Force (BAATF)
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SATURDAY February 10

‘DEIS IMPACT CELEBRATION
Saturday, Feb. 10, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Location: check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact

Come celebrate! Join other Brandeis leaders and change-makers to fuel up for a lifetime of pursuing social justice. Learn how to diversify your world. Explore what was learned during ’DEIS Impact and think about its application for everyday life. Listen to our favorite campus groups perform. Enjoy delicious snacks and great company. Come join us in our celebration of the impact we will all continue to make.

SPONSORED BY: ’DEIS Impacters
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SEEDS OF SOLIDARITY: GROW FOOD, GROW JUSTICE!
Sunday, Feb. 11, noon-2:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Healthy and sufficient food for all is critical to social justice, as is strengthening personal and community power resilience in these times. Are you interested in how to use low-cost, local resources and simple tools to create low-maintenance gardens on urban lots, lawns or small farms to ensure that good food is a basic human right for all? Do you care about doing so in ways that treat the soil as sacred, conserve water, help restore the climate, and promote food access and diverse community partnerships? Get inspired in this energizing workshop with Deb Habib and Ricky Baruc, founders of Seeds of Solidarity Farm and Education Center in Orange, Massachusetts, where they created an oasis from the ground up. They are three-decade farmers and educators who promote food justice through programs for toddlers through teenagers, people in recovery and those incarcerated. As part of the workshop, there will be time to share and get advice for your food justice ideas and activism!

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Farmers Club and Department of Spiritual and Religious Life
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BECOME AN IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVE
Sunday, Feb. 11, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Levine Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Want to get legal and court experience before graduating? Interested in immigration representation? If you answered yes, or if you have any interest in immigration, then this event is for you! Join the Brandeis Student Association for TRII in becoming a Department of Justice accredited representative. Being an accredited representative means you can help non-citizens file legal work, conduct interviews and attend DHS hearings. With enough experience, you can even be a part of the court appeals process! More than 90 percent of asylum seekers without representation have their cases denied. You can be the difference.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Student Association for TRII and The Right to Immigration Institute (TRII)
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SOCIAL JUSTICE ON YOUR PLATE
Sunday, Feb. 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Location: check go.brandeis.edu/DEISImpact

Is animal welfare a social justice issue? Come discuss the place of animals in a social justice framework while eating impactful and flavorful food. Cayla Mackey, a vegan chef and the CEO of Unicorn Goods, the world's largest vegan store, will prepare delicious plant-based food while engaging in a discussion with the audience about the impacts of everyday purchases, including food, clothing and other items in which animal products are present. Meat-eaters, vegetarians and vegans alike are welcome to join the conversation about how we can ensure that animals — farm animals or otherwise — live a life free from suffering through the decisions we make.

SPONSORED BY: Brandeis Veg Club
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’DEIS IMPACT OPEN MIC
Sunday, Feb. 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center Atrium

’DEIS Impacters believe that social justice issues are fluid and dynamic. As such, there are many different concerns across the world that we cannot fully address through the pre-planned events. This is our chance to raise issues and bring to light social justice concerns that are of interest to the university community. Come by our open mic and sing, dance, perform or speak about any social justice issue that you care about. Refreshments will be served.

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FANTASTIC TOOLS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN ACTION
Sunday, Feb. 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Shapiro Campus Center 313

Join the Brandeis Harry Potter Alliance (HPA) in a discussion about how to use fandom to take action for environmental justice and environmental refugees. We will teach about environmental justice through fandoms such as “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” Pokemon and more, via toolkits provided by the national HPA organization. Join us to unite for climate justice!

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Brandeis Student Association for TRII (The Right to Immigration Institute)
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Lurie Institute for Disability Policy
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Net Impact: Brandeis Undergraduate Chapter
Queer People of Color Coalition
Queer Resource Center
Sexuality and Queer Studies Program
Social Justice Committee of the Student Senate
STAND: The Student Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities
Student Committee for the Rose Art Museum (SCRAM)
Student Union
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The Right to Immigration Institute
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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: go.brandeis.edu/ChoosingMyCommitments.

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 www.brandeis.edu/hiatt/jobs-internships/internship/exchange.html 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, see www.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.
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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