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SOAP BOX

Listen – Talk – Stand your ground – Change your mind

**MIT Museum Presents Nancy Kanwisher, Ph.D.
Ellen Swallow Richards Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience
Wednesday April 26, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

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*Debating Cutting Edge Issues with
World-Class Scientists and Engineers*

Professor Nancy Kanwisher teaches in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT; her lab investigates the cognitive and neural basis of face and object recognition in humans as well as other related mysteries in visual cognition. Her work has deep implications for those working in medicine and robotics, as scientists seek to better understand, and replicate, how humans and other mammals recognize objects. Learn more about Kanwisher's fascinating work as she hones in on the debate about whether or not the brain is optimized for specific tasks.

The MIT Museum has launched a new series of salon-style, early-evening conversations with scientists and engineers who are making the news that really matters.

Soap Box is a public forum for debate about important ideas and issues in science and technology. Begun in partnership with the Boston Globe, *Soap Box* gives its audience the chance to debate serious issues with world-class scientists and engineers in an intimate setting at the MIT Museum. While over 150 people have attended each event, even more have been drawn to the conversations through the online forum posted at: <http://web.mit.edu/museum>.

More Information about Nancy Kinwisher and the MIT Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences:

see: <http://web.mit.edu/bcs/people/kanwisher.shtml>

Overflow accommodations will be held in the Museum's large conference room with a television monitor to the main event. Look for a profile of Professor Nancy Kanwisher in the April 24 *Boston Globe* Health and Science Section.

Soap Box will be filmed by MIT Video for release via **MIT World**.
Free Admission/Refreshments served.