

The Byte

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MIT UNDERGRADUATE
ASSOCIATION

Hi Undergrads,

Happy Monday!

Last week the UA Council passed a joint resolution with the Graduate Student Council (GSC) condemning the repeal of DACA, passed a resolution renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day at MIT that will be passed onto an institute committee, and discussed student organization funding structures ([full minutes here](#)). The Officers also met with the Fall Career Fair Facilitator, The Tech, and the UA Committee Chairs for the first Cabinet + Operations Meeting.

Enjoy the shortened week and don't forget to visit the Fall Career Fair this Friday!

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MEETING SCHEDULES

UA Council Meeting Schedule

**UA Cabinet + Operations
Meetings Schedule**

UA Council meetings are open to everyone and are in W20-400 from 7:30-9:00pm. Agendas, minutes, and attachments will be sent to ua-council-listeners and updated on the [website](#).

October 4, 2017

October 18, 2017

November 1, 2017

November 15, 2017

November 29, 2017

December 13, 2017

Cabinet + Operations Meetings are with committee chairs and open to the public 5:30 - 7:00pm in various dorms.

October 5, 2017 East Campus

October 19, 2017 Simmons

November 2, 2017 Random

November 16, 2017 New House

November 30, 2017 Burton-Conner

December 14, 2017 TBD

Tea with Teachers!



Tea with Teachers Season 1 Continues!

Contact: teawithteachers@mit.edu

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkbY2RHviPU>

Tea with Teachers starts off with a bang! This past week we chatted with Alexander Slocum, a professor in Mechanical Engineering. Hear him talk about his unique fashion, experience working at the White House, and his favorite smartphone apps.

EVENTS

Creating A Mural for MIT Mental Health & Counseling Thursday

When: October 15, 2017

Where: MIT Mental Health

Contact: ua-wellness-chairs@mit.edu

URL: [Apply here!](#)

If you've ever walked into MIT Mental Health & Counseling (MH&C), you'll probably remember the dreary hallway leading to the office. We would like to change that! This semester, the UA and MH&C are partnering to revamp the hallway leading to its offices. We are replacing the current black and white pictures with a colorful, mental health-inspired mural created by MIT students. If you are interested in designing and creating a mural that will hang in the hallway, please fill out the form. We will review submissions and select one/two persons/groups to create the mural. Materials/equipment required will be provided.

Coffeehouse Thursday

When: 7pm - 8pm September 28th, 2017

Where: Coffeehouse Lounge

Contact: anthonyo@mit.edu

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/MITcoffeehousetounge/>

Every Thursday come out to the coffeehouse lounge (3rd floor of student center) for FREE food and LIVE music! Follow our Facebook page to see who is performing and for weekly updates on the events!

Polemic! Live spoken word performance by JASMINE MANS

When: 6pm October 14, 2017

Where: Bartos Theater (E15, lower level)

Contact: cleeson@mit.edu

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1999160593655866>

Live spoken word performance by author, poet/performer, and teacher, JASMINE MANS. October 14, 2017 -- 6 pm Bartos Theater 20 Ames Street, Cambridge E15, lower level This event is free and open to the public. This event is being held in conjunction with Polemic!, the 2017 MIT History, Theory, and Criticism of Architecture + Art Graduate

Student Conference. This event is made possible with generous support from the History, Theory + Criticism Section (HTC), the Office of Graduate Education (OGE), the School of Architecture + Planning (SA+P), and the List Visual Arts Center. Thank you!

Splash 2017

When: Saturday, November 18 (10 AM-9 PM) to Sunday, November 19 (9 AM-6 PM)

Where: MIT campus

Contact: splash@mit.edu

URL: esp.mit.edu/ua_teachforsplash

On the weekend before Thanksgiving, 3000 high schoolers will converge on campus to take classes on anything and everything — all taught by MIT students and community members! Past classes have included The Chemistry of Tie Dye, Introduction to Pulsars, How to Read Hebrew, and Experimentation with Cookies. Register by September 29th to teach these motivated students! Teacher benefits include free food, t-shirts, and teacher trainings if you've never taught for us before. You can find more information about Splash at esp.mit.edu/splash_info, and if you have any questions, feel free to email us at splash@mit.edu.

How Science Ruined and Rescued My Faith with 'Science Mike'

When: Thursday, October 5th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Where: 54-100

Contact: adam1@mit.edu

URL: [Calendar Link](#)

Meet Mike McHargue, the Christian turned atheist turned mystic. Science destroyed his faith and then helped him to rebuild it in a whole new way. His novel approach to integrating science, religion and spirituality—which draws on insights and inspiration from neuroscience and cosmology—has gathered him hundreds of thousands of podcast subscribers from all across the religious-secular spectrum. Hear his strange and unusual story and then engage with him in a live AMA (Ask Me Anything).

A Skeptic's Guide to the Neurocognitive Payoffs of Religion and Spirituality

When: Thursday, Oct 5th, 3:30-5:00 PM

Where: Marlar Lounge (37-252)

Contact: adam1@mit.edu

URL: [Calendar Link](#)

As an atheist, Mike McHargue had a mystical experience of God that he couldn't explain. This triggered an intense curiosity to understand what was happening in his brain during this time. He began to aggressively study the neuroscience of spiritual experience and religious belief. Now known as 'Science Mike', he is a widely popular podcaster, author

and speaker on this topic. Join Mike for this special workshop on the various neurocognitive dynamics at play in human brains when we interact with religion and spirituality. Brought to you by the MIT Addir Fellows Interfaith Dialogue with support from Blue Ocean Faith.

PROFS PROFESSING PUBLICLY: Embracing a Religious Identity in Academia

When: Tuesday, September 26th, 7:15 PM

Where: W11 - Main Dining Room

Contact: adam1@mit.edu

URL: [Calendar Link](#)

Hear from some notable MIT faculty members about how they have navigated being religious while achieving a successful career in the top levels of academia. Featuring: Hazel Sive - Course 7 - Jewish Linda Griffith - Course 20 - Christian Kamal Youcef-Toumi - Course 2 - Muslim Brought to you by the MIT Addir Fellows Interfaith Dialogue.

LSC Presents: Dear White People

When: Fri Sep 29 & Sat Sep 30 at 8pm

Where: 26-100

Contact: lsc@mit.edu

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/events/123799598270874>

Come down to 26-100 and see the movie that inspired the Netflix series! A social satire that follows the stories of four black students at an Ivy League college where controversy breaks out over a popular but offensive black-face party thrown by white students. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the film explores racial identity in acutely-not-post-racial America while weaving a universal story of forging one's unique path in the world. LSC will be having 2 showings this weekend, Friday and Saturday at 8pm. We'll see you at the show!

WANT TO SEE YOUR EVENT IN THE BYTE?

Submit an event [here](#)! Events must be submitted by noon Sunday for inclusion in that Monday's issue.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Email ua-secretary@mit.edu with any questions, comments, or suggestions for improvement for future editions of The Byte.

