

The Byte

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MIT UNDERGRADUATE
ASSOCIATION

Hey Undergrads,

Remember to pause today to take a deep breath and make sure you, your friends, and your peers are doing okay. There are many friendly, helpful people and resources around campus should you need them.

Wishing you all the best,
- Kat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UA Council Agenda 10/4

The next UA Council meeting will be in W20-400 from 7:30-9:00pm. Highlights include presentations on:

- **MIT Corporation** by Paul Kominers '12
- **Finboard 101** by Zach Schmidt and Jon Coden

Cabinet + Operations

Meeting 10/5 in East Campus

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

- **Undergraduate advising** survey data

November 30, 2017 Burton-Conner

December 14, 2017 TBD

The full agenda and attachments can be found [here](#).

Workshop on Civic Responsibility

Figuring Out What You Stand For and What To Do About It

Featuring: Nadya Okamoto

October 12th at 5 pm 4-370

This workshop will be focusing on how to determine what issues matter to you and how to take action once you have an opinion. Nadya Okamoto will speaking from her personal experience on how she decided what issues she stands for and how she has gotten involved more directly with them.

Disclaimer: The Undergraduate Association in no way endorses Nadya Okamoto for Cambridge City Council. This event is solely for educational purposes.

MIT for Puerto Rico



Donate basic necessities
for hurricane relief

TUESDAY-THURSDAY (10-2PM)
MIT Student Center



MIT Association
of Puerto Rican Students

The MIT community is invited to donate basic necessities to victims of Category 5 Hurricane María in Puerto Rico

- **Non-perishable food:** bottled water, rice, beans, cereal, nuts, canned foods
- **Electronics:** batteries, flashlights, lanterns, portable radios, USB car chargers, mini fans
- **Hygiene Products:** Soap (Biodegradable preferably), tampons, toilet paper, toothpaste/brush, hand sanitizer
- **First Aid:** first aid kits, pain killers, stomach/diarrhea medication
- **Other:** Pet food, garbage bags, mosquito repellent, laundry detergent, paper towels

WHERE: MIT Student Center

WHEN: Tuesday Oct 3rd through Thursday Oct 5th 10-2PM



Consider donating to our MIT4PR fund, of which 100% will go towards Hurricane relief in Puerto Rico



EVENTS

We the Future Summit

When: Monday, October 16, 3:00-7:00 pm

Where: Boston Public Library, Rabb Hall, 700 Boylston St.

Contact: sarah.harvey@sap.com

URL: <http://events.sap.com/us/we-the-future-summit/en/home>

Join SAP CEO Bill McDermott and Members of Congress including Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III (D-MA) and Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) for a candid conversation about civic engagement in a digital world, moderated by entrepreneur and bestselling author Randi Zuckerberg. Seating is limited for this exclusive program and networking reception, so please register by Friday, October 6. We look forward to seeing you there!

SaveTFP Smoothie Night

When: Friday 10/6 9-11PM

Where: Coffeehouse 3rd Floor Student Center

Contact: jpriest@mit.edu

URL: [Apply here!](#)

Come relax with friends, drink smoothies, and eat food all for free!

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.

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!

[Deadline Extended] 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.

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.



