

In League...

November 2017 – January 2018

A quarterly newsletter



Share your story

Monday November 7 — Theme: GRATITUDE

Monday December 11 — Theme: JOY

Emma Rogers Room • 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

MITell is a new initiative from the MIT Women's League, inviting all members of the MIT community to come together and share stories from their lives. Whether you're completely new to the craft of live storytelling or a practiced public speaker (or somewhere in between) this is the space for you.

Storytelling is a chance to reflect on your life, take stock of the events you've lived through, and think about how they have shaped you as a person. Sharing stories helps us build connections with our wider communities, understand better the lives of others, and appreciate and celebrate our differences. The surge in popularity of storytelling projects across the US in recent years speaks to the enduring importance of this ancient art form, and we're thrilled to create a space for MIT's diverse community to meet, converse, and share their stories.

What is this exactly?

This is a live storytelling workshop space, where you can share a short, true story of an experience that happened to you, connected (as loosely as you like) to our monthly theme.

Do I have to tell a story if I come to the event?

No! We invite all attendees to come and listen, and give feedback to the speaker if they request it, or offer to answer questions. Being an engaged audience member is just as valuable as sharing a story.

I can't think of a story that connects to the theme.

That's no problem. The theme is only there to help spark an idea of what you might want to talk about, but if you have a story that doesn't fit the theme, you are most welcome to tell it.

How long should my story be?

There is no minimum time, but try to keep it to around 5-6 minutes so everyone who wants to has a chance to share their stories.

What should I talk about?

Anything you like! We set a theme in advance, and you should use that as inspiration if you're stuck for ideas. We only ask that the story be true, and that it happened to you. Stories can be funny, thoughtful, sad, life-changing, or even small anecdotes.

For more information or to register for our next meeting, contact kbennett@mit.edu



Holiday Wreath Making

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Student Center, 20 Chimneys (W20-306)

The League tradition of making the holiday wreaths for the main entrance to MIT began in the 1930s during Karl Taylor Compton's term as MIT's president. Since then League volunteers have come together at the end of November/beginning of December to make the three large evergreen wreaths that hang above the 77 Mass. Ave. entrance.

Though a bit cumbersome to craft on their 4' and 5' wooden frames, the resulting creations are beautiful and lend a holiday presence to the main entryway. Once again we invite new and experienced wreath makers to help with the greenery design and assembly of the wreaths. League member Brenda Blais will guide the creative process and practiced League volunteers will assist her.

If you've never done something like this before, this morning activity is a fun way to learn and a fragrant way to begin the holiday season. At the end of the morning you, too, will be a seasoned crafter of this traditional holiday decoration!

Please contact the League Office to volunteer.



Stargazing with Professor Amanda S. Bosh

Wednesday, November 29 • 4:00–6:30 pm (Rain/cloud date Thursday, November 30)

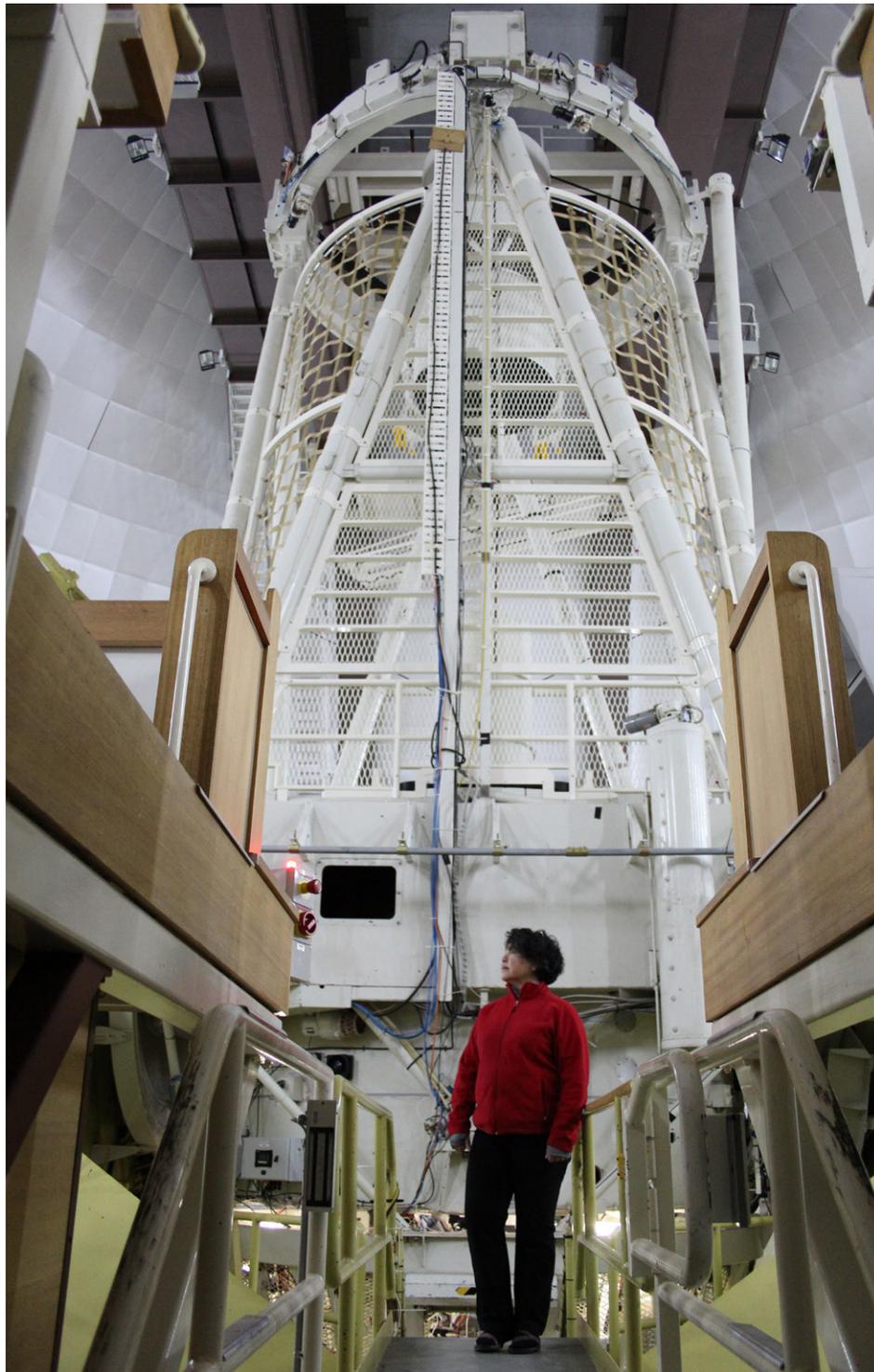
Building 37, Room 294 & Rooftop

After the immense popularity of this program last year, we are delighted to offer you the chance to once again join us for an evening of Stargazing with Dr. Amanda S. Bosh, Senior Lecturer in the Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Department.

The event will begin at 4:00pm in Classroom 294 in Building 37. We will begin with an indoor introductory session, where Dr. Bosh will talk about the observational programs in EAPS, as well as community outreach programs. We will then put on our warm clothes and head up to the observation platform on the roof to take in the beauty of a sunset while perched high above MIT. As the sky darkens, we will notice which stars and constellations we see first and study the moon in detail, looking for crater rims and central peaks along the terminator. We will count stars in the Pleiades and Hyades, and search out star clusters in Auriga. We will watch artificial satellites sail across the sky, and if the weather is particularly good, we may be able to catch sight of M31, the great spiral galaxy in Andromeda. All of this is weather dependent; in the case of thin clouds, it may be that only the moon will be visible. At 6:00pm, we will head back indoors for hot chocolate and the chance to reflect on what we've seen!

A note from Dr. Bosh: to reach the viewing platform, participants will need to climb several flights of stairs, including a narrow spiral staircase. It will likely be very cold up on the roof, so please dress warmly!

This event is limited to 25 people. If you would like to come, please email wleague@mit.edu, call the League office at (617)253.3656, or you can register online, at stargazingmit.eventbrite.com.



The MIT Women's Chorale

Kevin Galìè, Director Seoyon MacDonald, Pianist



Giacomo Puccini, the Elder: *Te Deum*
with string quartet and organ

Beethoven: Irish Folk Song Settings
Music of Johann Strauss the Younger

Saturday, December 9, 2017 5 pm
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Sq.

Open dress rehearsal, Saturday, December 2, 1 pm
MIT Chapel

Both events are free
Directions and parking suggestions at
<http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/>

MIT Women's Chorale Holiday Concert

Open dress rehearsal:

Saturday, December 2, 1:00 pm

Concert performance:

Saturday, December 9. 5:00 pm

Under the direction of Kevin Galìè, the Chorale's winter concert will feature the *Te Deum*, of Giacomo Puccini, great grandfather of the opera composer Puccini. This will be performed with string quartet and organ. The Chorale will also present a sampling of Beethoven's Irish folk song settings and lively pieces by the younger Johann Strauss.

The public is invited to the open dress rehearsal, December 2nd, at 1:00 pm in the MIT Chapel, 88 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

The December 9th concert will be held at the Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square, Cambridge.

A reception will follow.

See our website for parking information.
web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/



Holiday Community Craft Fair

Thursday & Friday, December 14 & 15
Lobby 10 • 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Come to browse! Come to shop!

The perfect gift may be as close as Lobby 10. Stop by and find that one of a kind gift, from beautifully crafted cutting boards to fragrant soaps, from hand-knit scarves and hats to semi-precious jewelry. All can be found at the annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the MIT Women's League Community Crafters.

If you are a crafter and would like to sell your creations at the fair log on to the Women's League website. From "Get Involved," go to "Community Craft Fair" to learn about fair policies and to fill out the online application form. The Craft Fair Committee will review all applications.

Notable — Books for discussion

11:30 – 1:00 pm

December 13 • Fiction
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

Two-Part Invention:
The Story of a Marriage
by Madeleine L'Engle

January 24 • Fiction
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

The Glass Universe
by Dava Sobel

League Interest Groups and Classes

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Groups meet weekly, bi-monthly or monthly.



Ask The Chef

Wednesday, January 31 • 12:00 pm
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

Tim Healey, chef for the Emma Rogers and Alice Maclaurin Rooms, will again be the guest speaker at our mid-winter “Ask the Chef” program. As he has in the past, Tim is happy to answer any questions you wish to pose and generously shares his knowledge of food and food preparation — recipes too!

Since his arrival at MIT in 2001, he has been treating diners to an array of culinary treats prepared in his campus kitchen/lab. It is there that he researches and experiments with recipes, demonstrates cooking techniques, trains his staff, and prepares the resulting epicurean creations.

Last year, Tim demystified the science and skills of brining. This year, he will be explaining how to cook and serve a wide variety of grains – quinoa, millet, barley, bulgar, farro and wheat berries.

Join us and bring your questions to Ask the Chef! Tim is happy to help expand your cooking knowledge and hone your cooking skills.

Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided. To reserve your seat, contact the League office.

Connections

Monday November 13:

12:00–2:00 pm

Monday December 4:

12:00–2:00 pm

Monday January 29:

12:00–2:00 pm

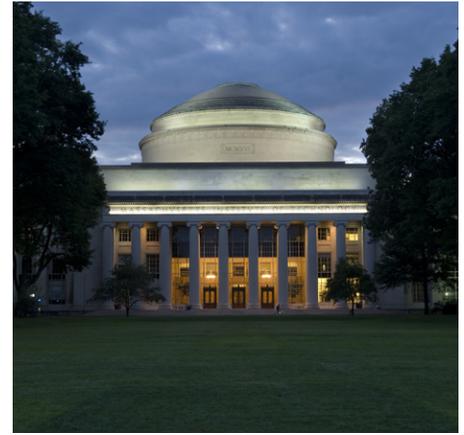
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Connections has moved to lunchtime!

Connections is an informal social gathering encouraging women to take a break and simply drop in to connect with other women in the MIT community.

We’re hoping more of our current staff and student Women’s League members will be able to join us at this new time. Escape your desk or lab for a short break, meet some new people or catch up with friends. Come alone, bring a friend, or invite a campus newcomer. Feel free to bring your lunch, and as always, we provide the cookies (and the view!)

Drop in anytime and stay as long as you wish. All are welcome.



MIT IAP 2018

During the month of January, MIT runs a special four-week term, Independent Activities Period (IAP for short). For over forty years, IAP has provided members of the MIT community (students, faculty, staff and alums) with a unique opportunity to organize, sponsor and participate in a wide range of activities: — from how-to sessions, and forums, athletic endeavors, lecture series, films, tours, recitals, and contests.

Listings for the January 8 – February 2, 2018 term will become available in November 2017 at web.mit.edu/iap/listings. We encourage you to take part!

General Information

The MIT Women’s League newsletter is published four times during the academic year. The deadline for submission for the **February–March issue is January 1**. All items should be sent to the Women’s League office.

Please call the League office for a hard copy of the newsletter and for answers to questions you may have. The office can also arrange for your membership.

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