April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Learn more about this important month [here](#)
- Visit [here](#) for information and resources to prevent sexual violence on college campuses

Women’s and Gender Studies Seniors

Every Spring a graduating senior is granted an award for distinguished scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies.

To be considered for the Janet Wilson James Award, please submit your materials, listed on the Women’s and Gender Studies [website](#), to gender@bc.edu. NOTE: You do not need to be a WGS minor to apply.

The Janet James Award carries a cash prize of $250 and a signed copy of a WGS book from one of our WGS faculty.

**Deadline for Submissions:**
5pm on Friday, April 17, 2015.
LOCAL HAPPENINGS

MIT Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies Presents:

A Celebration of Books by GCWS Authors

Date: TONIGHT, April 8th
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Location: The Moore Room, Building 6 Room 321, MIT Campus

Join us to celebrate recently published works on topics in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The event will feature over 30 books published since 2013. The evening will include a book table where you can peruse copies of the featured works and very short book talks by our featured authors. Click here for the list of authors and books that will be highlighted, including the recent publication by Dr. Hesse-Biber, Director of Boston College’s WGS Program.

Part of Feminisms Unbound, MIT’s GCWS initiative featuring debates that focus on feminist concerns, theories, and practices in this contemporary moment.

Rachel Kushner

New York Times bestselling novelist and two-time National Book Award Finalist

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 | 6:00pm
Photonics Auditorium, Boston University
8 St. Mary’s Street

Questions? Contact Catherine Con at crwr@bu.edu or 617-353-2510.

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April 9 and 10, 2015

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A social media initiative led by five Boston College women who aim to address and bring awareness to the ways in which people’s spaces are constricted or violated physically, verbally, and mentally in a patriarchal society.

The #EmbraceYourSpace team plans to draw attention to everyday situations, especially those witnessed at Boston College, such as unwelcome touching at parties, verbal sexual harassment, and male-dominated areas such as the big weight section of the Plex. Support the initiative by liking #EmbraceYourSpace’s page [here](#) and sharing posts that you find striking.