



Under the Microscope

Magnifying Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts in BE

"In Sickness and in Wealth"

a documentary discussion on social inequity and health



**BE
Community,
Join Us!**

**Monday, Mar 1st
@ 6PM (EST)**

Event Spotlight: Join Our Documentary Discussion on Social Inequity and Health!

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Numerous studies on social class and health have come to stark, unsettling conclusions: life expectancy, stress levels, and likelihood of illness all correlate strongly with income levels and occupation. But are these links due to behavioral factors, working conditions, social policy, or something else entirely? The BE Department's DEI Working Group on Education is excited to welcome the MIT community to view and discuss the 2008 documentary "**In Sickness and in Wealth**". Narrated by producer Llewellyn Smith, this 1-hour documentary travels to Louisville, Kentucky, and explores the connection between wealth and health through the lives of four individuals across the socioeconomic spectrum.

View the documentary for free on MIT Kanopy at any day or time prior to the discussion on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6-7pm EST. All MIT members are welcome to join. In addition, the first 20 BE members to RSVP are eligible for a \$5 non-alcoholic snack reimbursement. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/docRSVPbe>. We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Monday, March 1, 2021, from 6-7PM EST

Documentary Link: <https://mit.kanopy.com/video/sickness-and-wealth>

How to Join the Discussion: RSVP @ <http://bit.ly/docRSVPbe>



Who We Are:

The BE Graduate Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) working groups were created by graduate students as an extension of ongoing DEI-related initiatives within the BE department. We work to create opportunities for students to get involved in DEI-related advocacy against systems and policies that create inequity, oppression and disparity within our community. We aim to make measurable progress toward visibility, inclusion and equity through advocacy, community events, and community resources.

Our **5 working groups** focus on the topics of education, recruiting and admissions, communication, diversity officer hiring, and community values. As the Communication working group, our goal with this newsletter is to keep members of the BE community updated on the ongoing efforts of all working groups as well as to inform you all of upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. **We welcome all members of the BE community to join our working groups and/or get involved in our DEI efforts by emailing be-dei-comms@mit.edu.**



The Communication Working Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 17, 8pm Discussion on international student policies (More info: <https://bit.ly/3p3i5g5>)
Hosted by: MIT International Student Network and SidPac
- Feb. 19, 4:30pm Listening session: "The Other America" by MLK Jr. ([Zoom link](#))
Hosted by: Undergraduate Housing Area Directors Tiana Peña Colón, Emma Johnson
- Feb. 23, 7pm Movie showing: *Love and Basketball* ([Zoom link](#))
Hosted by: Undergraduate Housing Area Directors Tiana Peña Colón, Emma Johnson
- Feb. 28, 4pm Listening session: "The Ballot or the Bullet" by Malcolm X ([Zoom link](#))
Hosted by: Undergraduate Housing Area Directors Tiana Peña Colón, Emma Johnson
- Mar. 1, 6pm Discussion on "In Sickness and in Wealth" (More info: <http://bit.ly/docRSVPbe>)
Hosted by: MIT BE DEI Working Group on Education

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