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HELLO NEW UELA MEMBERS!

"I want to welcome all the new UELA members! We are so excited to have a fantastic semester with everyone."

-UELA President. Marie Cantor

WHAT'S INSIDE

Learn about how to get involved with the newsletter!

Try this fun book-themed recipe

Petitions! Petitions!
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UELA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

- Want to be in the next newsletter? Send us an email

(englishA@bu.edu) to be featured! We're looking for:

-Poetry, recipes, creative projects, club advertisements, book reviews, book recommendations, events, etc.

WEAR A MASK!

- COVID-19 is still an ongoing issue in this country!
 - -Wearing a mask protects not only yourself, but those around you.



ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR:

September 23:

The Moth Virtual StorySlam:
Silenced Open-mic style
storytelling competition hosted
by The Moth and sponsored by
WBUR.

September 24:

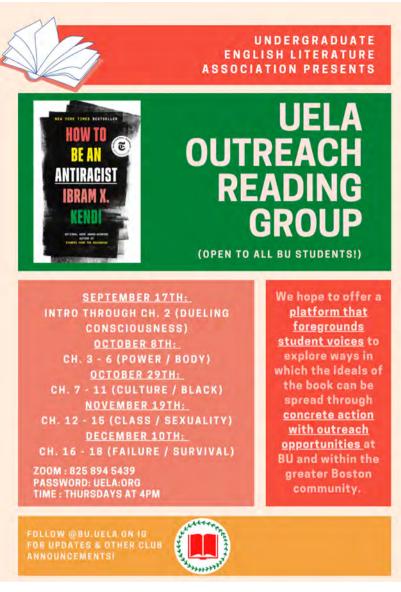
Border South Film Screening Hosted by BU Arts Initiative in connection with the Hostile Terrain 94 Installation in the GSU.

October 15:

AGNI Issue 92 Launch: Prose Reading and conversation from select prose authors published in AGNI Issue 92.

October 22:

AGNI Issue 92 Launch: Poetry Reading and conversation from selected poets published in AGNI Issue 92.

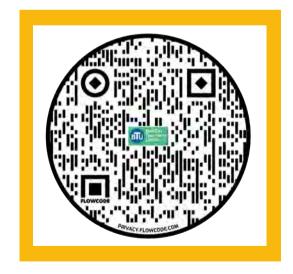


SUPPORT BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!

SPOTLIGHT BY ANNA MORVILLE

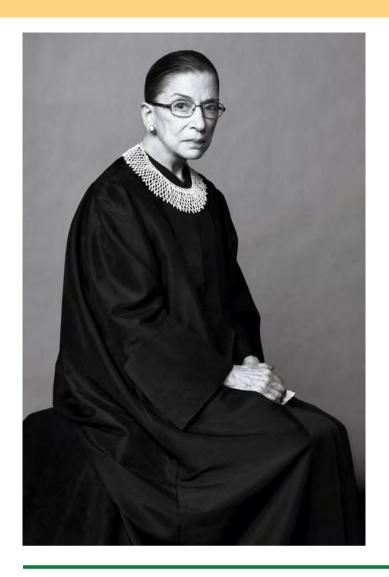
In 2017, a child enrolled in Boston Public Schools was involved in a nonviolent altercation that resulted in ICE detaining him and his family for over 16 months. Today, the Boston Police Department maintains a relationship with ICE through the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC).

Currently, there is a movement in Boston to remove BPD from schools, and instead instill a system of restorative justice education, which promotes community-based conflict resolution.



Scan to sign a petition inclusion, a full-time nurse and counselor in every school, and more community-based activities

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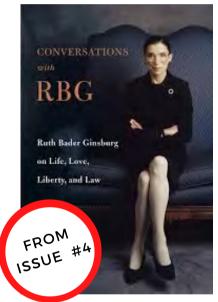


THANK YOU, RBG

As we mourn the loss of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we must remember to continue her legacy of advocacy, dissent, and standing for justice for all.

Everything from her role in securing freedoms for women to her rockstar like status continues to inspire political activists of all ages.

Thank you, RBG, for all that you've done.



CONVERSATIONS WITH R B G

BY GIULIO GIUFFRIDA

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to sit down and have a cup of coffee with a Supreme Court justice, diving into conversation about their personal life, favorite cases, and plans for the future? If so, you can simulate that experience by reading Jeffery Rosen's collection of sitdowns with Supreme Court Justice and women's rights kingpin, Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Ginsberg and Rosen share a unique friendship distinguished by their knowledge and appreciation for law and united by their mutual love for opera. This close relationship allows Rosen to ask all the right questions and circumvent the often disconnected and timid nature of a standard interview. The invaluable, productive conversations within this book offer clear insight into not only the accomplished life of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, but the inner workings of the Supreme Court and its various ambiguities.

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BY SABINE TESSONO

The Children of Blood and Bone is the first book in a fantasy novel series by Nigerian-American author Tomi Adeyemi (pictured above). The story centers around the journey of Zélie Adebola and the difficult journey she faces in restoring magic and order to Orisha, a land fraught with violence and great prejudice against magic users following a great catastrophe at the beginning of the text.

The book in particular is fascinating in how it has a compelling story surrounding fighting against adversity mixed with fantastical elements heavily based upon Western African mythology, religion, and culture included throughout the text. Adeyemi is particularly adept at writing characters with dimension and realistic worries and fears while also providing representation of African culture in a genre so heavily centered around white authorship. If you like fantasy, easy yet entertaining reads, or would like to expand your reading tastes, Children of Blood and Bone is a great start.

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PODCAST OF THE MONTH



The fiction/non/fiction podcast believes that, as the hosts remind their listeners each episode, "every issue in your twitter feed or on the evening news has already been tackled somewhere in literature." Co-hosts Whitney Terrell and V.V. Ganeshananthan discuss topics ranging from climate change to racial justice to covid-19, taking inspiration from current events and linking them to relevant pieces of literature. Episodes feature one or more guest authors, journalists, or activists, making for insightful and engaging conversations. As a bonus, the episode description always lists selected readings mentioned or quoted in the episode, which serves as an easily accessible resource for those looking to read further. Listen anywhere podcasts are hosted.



Butter, softened (3/4 cup)
Caster sugar (2 Tbs)
Large eggs (3)
Caraway seeds (3 Tsp)
Flour, sifted (1 ½ cups & 1 Tbs)
Baking powder (1 tsp)
Salt (a pinch)
Ground almonds (1 Tbs)
Milk (1 tbs)

- -Preheat the oven to 350*F.
- -Butter and line a 2 pound loaf tin with parchment paper. Set aside.
- -Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
- -Beat in the eggs, one at a time.
- -Sift together the flour and baking powder. Stir this in along with the salt, almonds, seeds and milk.
- -Mix well to combine evenly.
- -Scrape into the prepared baking tin.
- -Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until well risen, golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- -Allow to cool completely in the tin.





SPOTLIGHT BY MARIE CANTOR



SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Tired off the same drinks from Starbucks/Pavement/Tatte? Support Phinista, the brand-new Vietnamese coffee shop tucked away on Fenway's Restaurant Row! Along with freshly-roasted Vietnamese coffee, Phinista also serves sweet & savory crepes and has a patio with plenty of outdoor seating.

Where: 96 Peterborough St, Boston, MA 02215 (From the Fenway Target, cross Boylston Street and walk one block past Tatte and Star Market. Phinista will be across the street!)

Boston has a deep literary heritage, with a wide-range and diverse set of authors ranging from the poet Sylvia Plath to Khalil Gibran. Boston Literary District is a non-profit organization that preserves the legacy of these iconic literary landmarks by hosting tours and events.

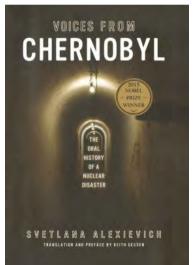
The district includes bookstores, museums, hotels, libraries, churches, and publishers. BLD also dedicates themselves to supporting writers. Currently, BLD offers free housing in Boston to a New England writer. The people who support and keep BLD running work hard to keep the love for literature alive. So, if you are looking for a fun day trip or exploring Boston more, check out the Boston Literary District map and start exploring!

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WORLD LIT. NEWS:





Noble prize winning author Svetlana Alexievich (pictured left) is one of many Belarus citizens who, for over a month now, have been joined in wide-scale protests against the country's recent election following mass evidence of widespread corruption. The incumbent president, Alexander Lukashenko, has outright denied all claims of interference, and (according to Time) has gone as far as to accuse protesters displaying evidence of police brutality as faking their injuries with blue paint.

Alexievich herself was one of the seven leading members of the Coordination Council, a group founded in mid-August to call for a new election. As of September 9th, she is the only one of the seven to not have been arrested or gone missing.

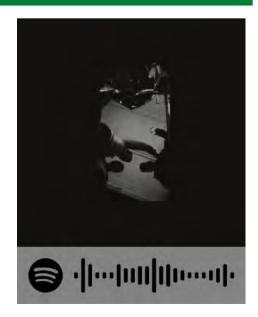
She says: "First they kidnapped the country. Now, it's the turn of the best among us. But hundreds more will replace those who have been torn from our ranks. It is not the Coordinating Council that has rebelled. It is the country."

Alexievich specializes in journalistic non-fiction, and her most notable works to be translated into English include *Zinky Boys*, an oral history depicting the Soviet army's role in the war in Afghanistan, and *Voices from Chernobyl*, and oral history of the Chernobyl disaster and a major source for the HBO show Chernobyl.

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Email our editor, Julie Montana (<u>jmontana@bu.edu</u>), or DM us on IG (@bu.uela) for more info! SONG OF THE MONTH



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