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MIT Chemistry
#ShutDownChem
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9:00am - 2:30pm



**FEATURING KEYNOTE
SPEAKER CHANDA
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8:45am - 9:10am	Welcome table <i>Coffee and light refreshments provided</i>	6-120 Lobby
9:15am – 10:30am	Breakout Session 1 (please chose one session to attend)	
	<i>A History of Structural Racism in America</i>	2-105
	<i>Anti-immigration, Xenophobia, and Anti-Black Racism</i>	2-142
	<i>Education and Anti-Black racism</i>	2-139
	<i>Healthcare, disability, and Anti-Black racism</i>	2-143
	<i>Best practices for Anti-Racism in the Lab</i>	2-190
	<i>Break room</i>	2-146
10:40am – 11:55am	Breakout Session 2 (please chose one session to attend)	
	<i>A History of Structural Racism in America</i>	2-105
	<i>Anti-immigration, Xenophobia, and Anti-Black Racism</i>	2-142
	<i>Education and Anti-Black racism</i>	2-139
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	<i>Best practices for Anti-Racism in the Lab</i>	2-190
	<i>Creating inclusive lab environments for future faculty</i>	2-131
	<i>Break room</i>	2-146
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch <i>Catered by Fresh Food Generation</i>	Eastman Court
1:00pm – 1:10pm	DEIC Update	6-120
1:15pm – 2:30pm	Keynote speech from Dr. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein	6-120

Event Guide

Welcome Table: We will serve coffee and light refreshments in the 6-120 lobby. #ShutDownChem Organizers will be available to answer any questions you have about the day, and you can pick up brochures and nametags.

Breakout Sessions: The morning will be divided into facilitated breakout sessions around the indicated topic. Discussions are offered concurrently, so you can attend one discussion during each 75-minute session. All sessions are led and facilitated by volunteers from our department.

Break room: We will provide a calm space with coffee if you need a moment to decompress. The #ShutDownChem team will be here if you have any questions or concerns.

Lunch: We will have lunch catered by Fresh Food Generation, a Caribbean-inspired, farm-to-table, Black-owned restaurant. We have gluten-free and vegan options available. You must attend at least one morning session to get lunch. In case of rain, lunch will be offered in the 6-120 lobby.

DEIC Update: The MIT Chemistry DEIC will give a brief update of their aims, accomplishments, and future goals.

Keynote Speech: Chanda Prescod-Weinstein is an Assistant Professor of Physics and Core Faculty Member in Women's and Gender Studies at the University of New Hampshire. Using ideas from both physics and astronomy, she responds to deep questions about how everything in the universe got to be the way it is. She was named as one of 10 people who helped shape science in 2020 by *Nature*, was recognized by *Essence Magazine* as one of 15 Black Women Who Are Paving the Way in STEM and Breaking Barriers, and recently published *The Disordered Cosmos: A Journey into Dark Matter, Spacetime, and Dreams Deferred*.

