

**WMBR 88.1 FM**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT**  
**1st QUARTER / January 1 – March 31, 2023**

The following is a list, of issues, the management, of WMBR Radio, has determined to be of significant importance, to the citizens of Cambridge and the Greater Boston Area of Massachusetts. Each issue was treated through the station's most significant issue-responsive programming and community activities, during the reporting period.

*“Radio with a View” – Alternating Sundays, 10am – 11am*

*“WMBR Nightly News” – Monday – Friday, 5:30pm – 6:00pm*

*“Troubadour” – Thursday 2pm – 4pm*

**ART & CULTURE**

**PROGRAM:** Troubadour  
**HOST:** Chuck Rosina  
**TOPIC:** Unveiling of “The Embrace”  
**Aired:** Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The host, of WMBR’s “Troubadour” aired recordings from the unveiling of “The Embrace”, a sculpture, erected on the Tremont Street side of Boston Common, honoring Coretta Scott King & Martin Luther King, Jr. There were many speakers, at this event, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Matthew Smith / Harvard Chan School of Public Health - Boston  
**TOPIC:** Pollinators in Trouble  
**Aired:** Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The WMBR Nightly News aired an interview with Mr. Smith, a research scientist in Boston, who is leading a team doing research on the decline of insects that pollinate plants. He discussed the consequences for food and human health as pollinators decline, and prospects for helping pollinators survive.

## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Dr. Joseph Gerson  
**TOPIC:** Global Danger: Ukraine, China, the United States  
**Aired:** Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The host, of WMBR's "Radio With a View", had a conversation with Dr. Gerson, President of the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security and co-founder of the Committee for a Sane China Policy. We discussed the Russia/Ukraine War, affairs with China, following on the balloon episode, and what gives him hope in these dark times.

## **POLITICS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc Stern  
**TOPIC:** Remembering Mel King  
**AIRED:** Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

WMBR's "Radio With a View", aired a recording of a speech by Mel King, who passed away on March 23, 2023. King was an educator, youth worker, community organizer, housing developer, author, and politician in Boston. He was also an Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies at MIT, for 25 years, where he founded and served as the Director of the Community Fellows Program. King's speech was from a conference at Harvard University in 2015. King spoke about his life and his work for civil rights and economic development in Boston.

## **RELIGION**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Dr. Brad Onishi / author and former evangelical minister  
**TOPIC:** White Christian Nationalism  
**AIRED:** Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The host, of WMBR's "Radio With a View", interviewed Dr. Onishi about his new book "Preparing for War: The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism". Onishi, who co-hosts the podcast "Straight White American Jesus" and teaches in Religious Studies and Philosophy at University of San Francisco, looked at the melding of right-wing extremism and evangelicalism from the 1960s to the present. We talked about the movement and forces that make it such a threat to democracy today.

## **SCIENCE**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Lee McIntyre / Boston University professor  
**TOPIC:** Science Denial  
**Aired:** Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The WMBR Nightly News aired an interview with Professor McIntyre about his new book, entitled “How To Talk To A Science Denier”. He explained how people latch onto conspiracy theories and reject scientific evidence and he discussed how to help people understand the importance of believing in science.