

WMBR 88.1 FM
QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT
1st QUARTER / January 1 – March 31, 2024

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 p

“Radio with a View” – Alternating Sundays, 10:00am – 11:00am

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

DEMOCRACY AND BLACK WOMEN

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
TOPIC: Black Women and the Future of Democracy
AIRED: Friday, March 8th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“WMBR’s Nightly News” aired excerpts, from a panel discussion, about the new book, “Wake Up America: Black Women and the Future of Democracy,” which took place on Feb. 29 at the Museum of African American History in Boston, featuring the book's editor, Dr. Keisha Blain. She was joined by two Boston-based contributors, Kim Janey, Renée Graham, and moderated by Zenzile Riddick, a graduate student at Harvard. Janey discussed her experiences as former Boston mayor, and Graham talked about her time as a writer for the Boston Globe. The panel discussed the role of Black women as advocates for democracy and justice throughout society.

GENDER RIGHTS

PROGRAM: Women's Week Special
HOST: Linda Pinkow
TOPIC: Gender and Bodily Autonomy Roundtable
AIRED: Friday, March 29th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“WMBR’s Women’s Week Special” aired a special round-table conversation, on gender and bodily autonomy, focusing on changes in American culture that have limited women's rights in recent years. The discussants were four WMBR members with diverse and complex experience related to the subject: Keri Garel (an OB-GYN), Amy Battisti-Ashe (a pediatric nurse), Alley Stoughton (a transgender woman), and Fara Alade (a student at MIT). They discussed ways in which women have been circumscribed, in their freedom, to make decisions about basic aspects of their lives.

LABOR MOVEMENT

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
TOPIC: The 2023 strikes and labor movement history
AIRED: Friday, January 26th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“WMBR’s Nightly News” interviewed Nathan Wilmers, Associate Professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management, about the history of strikes over the past few decades and the increased union activity in 2023 including strikes in health care, auto and Hollywood actors and writers strikes. Wilmers said it was unclear whether increased union activity would help reduce economic inequality in the long term.

MEDIA / BROADCASTING

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
GUEST: Katherine Jewell – Fitchberg State University History Professor
TOPIC: College Radio
AIRED: Sunday, February 25th
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“Radio with a View had a conversation with Professor Jewell, about her new book "Live From the Underground: A History of College Radio”. We discussed the increased role of college radio in shaping the emergence of new musical forms including hardcore, new wave, punk, hip-hop, rap, etc. We paid special attention to the role WMBR played in these developments and its unique structure in the college radio universe. We also talked about the relationship of college radio to commercial labels and the relationship of students and communities.

RACE / ECONOMICS

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
GUEST: Michael Zweig – Stony Brook University Professor Emeritus of Economics
TOPIC: Class, Race and Gender and Capitalism
AIRED: Sunday, January 14th
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“Radio with a View had a conversation with Michael Zweig, who is also the founding Director of the Center for Study of Working Class Life at Stony Brook University and an author. We talked about his new book "Class, Race, and Gender: Challenging the Injuries and Divisions of Capitalism." This was originally recorded by Marc Stern for Radio With a View on December 20, 2023. The discussion was about social movements and efforts to construct effective intersectionality. He argues for an understanding of class in terms of power rather than income, and the necessity of crafting movements to shift power while recognizing the divergences among various communities. impact.

RACIAL VIOLENCE

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
GUEST: Dr. Brian H. Williams – author, trauma surgeon, candidate for Congress
TOPIC: Racism, Violence and How We Heal
AIRED: Sunday, January 28th
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“Radio with a View had a discussion, with Dr. Williams, about his new book, "The Bodies Keep Coming: Dispatches From a Black Trauma Surgeon on Racism, Violence, and How We Heal", on Broadleaf Books. He talked about how imperative it is for changes in gun policy but also argued that social policy was responsible for social violence. He noted the role he played in the response to the trauma of the mass shooting of Dallas Police in 2016. Finally, he talked about the effect of gerrymandering on Texas Congressional districts.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
GUEST: Felicia Kornbluh - author, University of Vermont History Professor
TOPIC: Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Justice
AIRED: Sunday, March 24th
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

“Radio with a View had a discussion with Ms. Kornbluh, about her new book "A Woman's Life is a Human Life: My Mother, Our Neighbor and the Journey from Reproductive Rights to Reproductive Justice”. We looked at the struggle for abortion rights (including supportive clergy) before Roe v. Wade, battles over public health and reproductive justice (including involuntary sterilization) and where the battle for women's and human rights is heading since the overturning of Roe.