



LGBTQ+ SERVICES



**FEBRUARY 2023**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

# A NOTE ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In February we celebrate Black History Month. All year-round, LGBTQ+ Services aims to highlight the contributions of Black LGBTQ+ activists. Black History Month is an opportunity for us to highlight that work which is too often forgotten and erased from history.

Black people have always been at the center of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and we would not be where we are today without their incredible leadership. Today, Black LGBTQ+ activists continue to fight for rights and freedom of the entire LGBTQ+ community.

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back for the Spring semester! We hope you all had the opportunity to relax and unwind during the Winter break. We understand that it can be daunting to return to a busy academic and extracurricular schedule. During this time, remember to be patient and kind to yourself as you would be to a friend. Set yourself up for a great semester by reaching out to friends and taking time to do something for yourself.

Wishing you all a successful Spring semester!

## LBGTQ+ SERVICES

### Office Hours

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Thursday/Friday: 11am - 7pm

## RL HOURS

**Open Everyday via Tap Access**

**Programs and student staff available 11am - 6pm**

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UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: [HTTPS://LGBTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/](https://lgbtqmit.libib.com/)

## FEBRUARY LGBTQ+ BOOK RECS.

"LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE"

**TAGS:** *Asexual, Bisexual, Black, Fiction, Romance, WoC*

Alice is done with dating. But then Alice meets Takumi and she can't stop thinking about him or the rom com-grade romance feels she did not ask for. When her blissful summer takes an unexpected turn and Takumi becomes her knight with a shiny library-employee badge (close enough), Alice has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated--or understood.



"ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE"

**TAGS:** *Memoir, Black, Gay, Queer Men*

In his groundbreaking young adult memoir, prominent writer and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson shares both glorious and gut-wrenching memories of growing up Black and queer in America. From getting bullied at age five, to visiting flea markets with his loving grandmother, to the thrilling frontiers of first relationships, Johnson's early life is a profound tapestry of everyday experiences



## DISPLAY YOUR ART IN THE RAINBOW LOUNGE



LBGTQ+ Services is seeking MIT artists to temporarily loan or permanently display their art in the Rainbow lounge.

[Email LBGT@mit.edu for more info.](mailto:LBGT@mit.edu)

# LBGTQ+ SERVICES FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

## QUEER LEADERS CHAT



A space for all LBGTQ+ students to chat with the Assistant Director of LBGTQ+ Services

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Wednesday, February 8th

**Time:** 4pm - 5pm

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250

## ARTIST TALKS WITH TRANS ACTIVIST AND CARTOONIST SOPHIE LABELLE



Join us for an afternoon chat with Trans Activist & Cartoonist Sophie Labelle, Author of "Assigned Male" comics.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Monday, February 13th

**Time:** 12pm - 1:30pm

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250

<https://tinyurl.com/mr39bb2h>

## LBGTQ+ COMMUNITY RECHARGE



With a busy semester ahead, take the time to recharge and recenter yourself before things get crazy. Join LBGTQ+ services as we do a little self care, decorate affirmation calendars, and mentally prepare for the semester together

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Thursday, February 16th

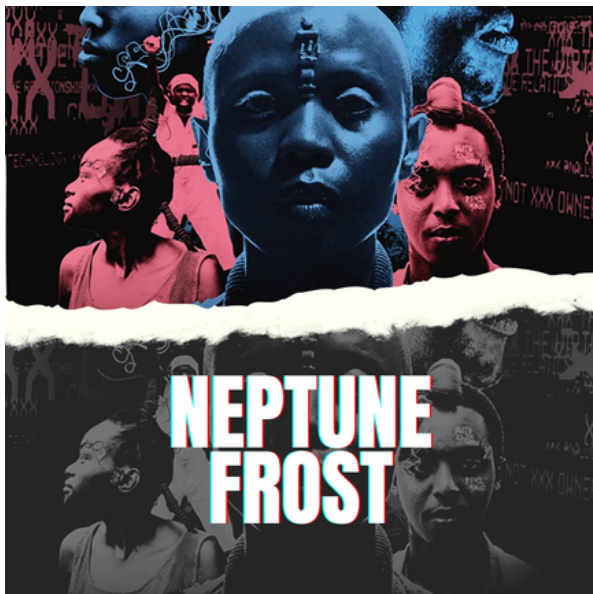
**Time:** 5pm - 6 pm

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250



# LBGTQ+ SERVICES FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

## MOVIE SCREENING: NEPTUNE FROST



Neptune Frost: co-sponsored with ICEO, LIT@MIT, Media Lab, WGS, & Comparative Media Studies.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Friday, February 17

**Time:** 5pm

**Location:** E15 - Bartos Theatre

## QUEER BODY IMAGE WORKSHOP



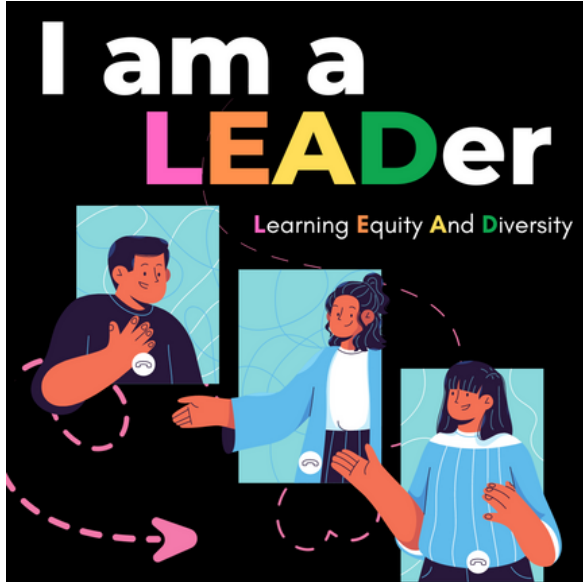
Join Grad Assistant, Heather, for a workshop that explores what body image means to you outside of a cis heteronormative world.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Thursday, February 23rd

**Time:** 5pm - 6pm

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250



## I AM A LEADER CONFERENCE

Intercultural Engagement (i.e.), LGBTQ+ Services, Women and Gender Services (WXGS), and SOLE are proud to present the 3rd annual I am a LEADer (LEAD - Learning Equity And Diversity) diversity leadership conference!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Monday, January 30th - Friday, February 2nd

**Location:** Virtual

[tinyurl.com/IAmALeader2023](https://tinyurl.com/IAmALeader2023)



## BLACK TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia based on current and past black figures and events. There will also be games (black owned), pizza and drinks. The winner(s) of trivia will receive a prize.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Friday, February 17th

**Time:** 5pm

**Location:** 120 Mass Ave: W31-110

[tinyurl.com/BlackTriviaNight](https://tinyurl.com/BlackTriviaNight)



## I.E. SPRING BOOK CLUB

Join the Intercultural Engagement Spring Book Club. The first month will feature the book Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison. The book club will meet via zoom bi-weekly and feature various black authors.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Register to join by February 20th. First meeting on March 2nd.

**Location:** Virtual

[tinyurl.com/BookClubIE](https://tinyurl.com/BookClubIE)





## BIOLGBTQ+ CRAFT NIGHTS

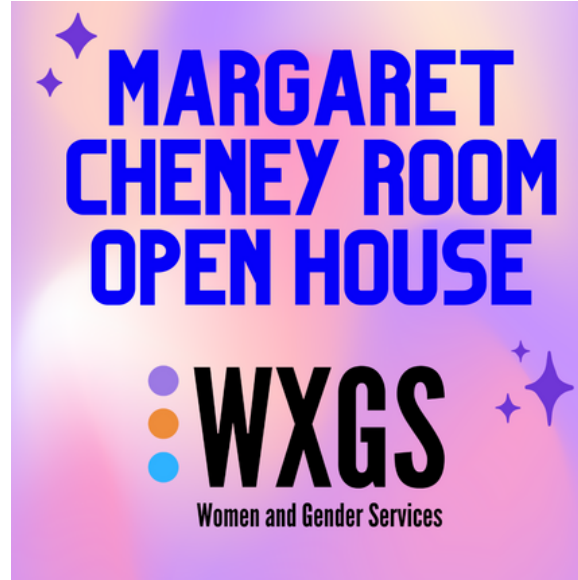
For queer and allied members of the biology community at MIT. Staff, postdocs, and graduate students across departments welcome, no crafting experience needed!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Every third Thursday(ish) throughout the spring semester. 01/26, 02/09, 03/02, 03/23, 04/13, and 05/04.

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00PM

**Location:** 68-274



## MARGARET CHENEY ROOM OPEN HOUSE

Come see the newly renovated Margaret Cheney Room. All are welcome.

Refreshment! Live Music!  
Mingling!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7th

**Time:** 4pm - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Margaret Cheney Room  
3 - 308



## WXGS CERAMIC MUGS & CARDS CRAFT

Valentine's Day is about love, including self-love and self-care. Drop by to decorate a ceramic mug that you can take with you or keep in the Cheney Room to use with the Keurig machine. Candies, Valentine's Cards, and snacks provided.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Tuesday, February 14th

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00pm

**Location:** 3-308, Margaret Cheney Room



## MOVIE SCREENING: WOMEN IN MOTION

Come celebrate international Women and Girls in Science Day early with a movie, This documentary follows Nichelle Nichols, the actress who played Lt. Uhuru on Star Trek, as she undertakes the daunting task of recruiting 8,000 individuals for NASA, including various trailblazing Latina, Asian-American, and African-American women who went on to travel in space. Popcorn and drinks provided.

### **WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

***Date:*** Thursday, February 9th

***Time:*** 5:30pm

***Location:*** 3-308, Margaret Cheney Room

# HAPPENING OUTSIDE MIT FOR ALL



## LADIES AT A GAY GIRL BAR

The Dance Complex presents DIY Performance Series "Ladies at a Gay Girls' Bar, 1938-1969". WXGS and LBGTQ+ Services can provide financial support for tickets to students who would like to attend. Email us at [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu).

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** February 10th&11th 8pm,  
February 12th at 7pm

**Location:** 536 Mass Ave. Cambridge  
[tinyurl.com/LAAGGB2023](https://tinyurl.com/LAAGGB2023)



## LGBTQIA SPEED FRIENDING

Do you wish you could have more of the kinds of conversations you have late at night where for some reason, you feel safe talking about the things you actually care about? Bring your friends (or come by yourself) and spend your Tuesday night at an event where you know everyone else is there for the same reason.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7th

**Time:** 7pm - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Trident Books, 338  
Newbury St, Boston, MA 02115

[tinyurl.com/LBGTFriending](https://tinyurl.com/LBGTFriending)



## LÁ BATIDORA CLUB PARTY

After many requests we bring you a night of all latin music!! This ones for YOU! 21+ event Door Tickets Only, late night food menu, amazing cocktails!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Saturday February 4th

**Time:** 9:00 pm

**Location:** Vera's 70 Union Square  
Somerville, MA 02143

<https://tinyurl.com/mtfpmvwh>



# HAPPENING OUTSIDE MIT FOR ALL



## EMO NIGHT PITY PARTY

Pity Party is back after a little holiday break! Throwback EMO music all night! Now 2nd Saturday's at Union Tavern! Band tee's are encourage, singing along to the music at the top of your lungs is a must! 21+ Hosted By @koriiking Music by @gothasaurusrex

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** February 11th

**Time:** 9:00 pm

**Location:** Union Tavern 345 Somerville Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

<https://tinyurl.com/mvrb8akh>



## ISSA VIBE BOSTON QTBIPOC

Join us every second Saturday at Vera's from 10pm - 2am, Late Night Food menu, Amazing cocktails! Valentines themed party!

Join Issa Vibe Feb 11th at Vera's in Somerville from 10pm - 2am! Voted number for QTBIPOC nightlife and recognized by The Boston Globe as a safe space for ALL LGBTQIA+ People of Color!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** Saturday, February 11th

**Time:** 10 pm

**Location:** Vera's 70 Union Square SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

<https://tinyurl.com/yc89zcs3>



## O BAILE FUNK LGBTQ

O Baile Funk LGBTQ+ in Somerville! Let's get 2023 started off right!

21+ \$10 presale & \$15 Door

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

**Date:** February 18th

**Time:** 10:00 pm

**Location:** Vera's 70 Union Square Somerville, MA 02143

<https://tinyurl.com/yeb36r6z>

# ACRONYMS IN OUR NEWSLETTERS

*There's a lot of acronyms at MIT and we use a lot of them for character length in our newsletter. However, you might not be familiar with every one. One of our readers had a great suggestion of including a key at the end of the newsletter and here it is so folks can know what everything means.*

*If you have any suggestions for our newsletter then don't hesitate to reach out at: [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu).*

- **LBGTQ+** - Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer Plus
- **ORSEL** - Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life
- **QTPhD** - Queer and Trans PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- **QTPoC** - Queer and Trans People of Color
- **VPR** - Violence Prevention & Response
- **SAAM** - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- **WXGS** - Women and Gender Services
- **WGS** - Women and Gender Studies
- **I.E.** - Intercultural Engagement
- **OSW** - Office of Student Wellbeing
- **SPXCE** - Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement





# you are welcome here

**The SPXCE Intercultural Center**  
W31-110 (duPont Athletic Center)

**MIT Rainbow Lounge**  
Walker Memorial 2nd Floor (50-250)

[SPXCE.MIT.EDU](http://SPXCE.MIT.EDU)

[LBGTQ.MIT.EDU](http://LBGTQ.MIT.EDU)