LBGTQ+ SERVICES

MARCH 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HELLO, MARCH!

Welcome to the second fabulous LBGTQ+ newsletter. We hope you enjoy it and are excited about the new upcoming events.

March is also Women's History Month. This is an annual celebration of achievements by women and a time for recognizing the central role of women in history. You can drop into the Rainbow Lounge to see a display of queer figures and read about their accomplishments and contributions.

March 8th is also International Women's Day.

LAVENDER GRADUATION

Lavender Graduation is a celebration of the end of the year and a recognition of our distinguished graduates from the LBGTQ and ally community. This event is open to everyone (MIT staff, students, faculty, alumni), whether you've been involved with LBGTQ@MIT or not!

All are welcome during this community wide celebration on **Friday, May 10th 5:30 - 7:00pm in Rainbow Lounge (50-250).**

Interested in volunteering/helping? Email **afran@mit.edu** or **lmcnair@mit.edu.**

SPXCE HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: *10:00am - 8:00pm*

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Mondays - Fridays: *12:00pm - 7:00pm*

LBGTQ+ SERVICES SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING

LAZOS: A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR TQPOC & ALLIES OF COLOR

WHAT IS LAZOS?

"Lazo" is one of several Spanish language terms for "bow", referencing the rainbow and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Come to the table with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color at MIT.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, March 20th
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

FAMILY DINNERS

WHAT ARE FAMILY DINNERS?

Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly Family Dinners for our LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students, reclaiming a sense of family, support, and solidarity. Open to all - we look forward to seeing you!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursdays, Feb. 7th - May 16th
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge

QLAB: QUEER & LBGT+ JADVISORY BOARD

WHAT IS QLAB?

QLAB is an open meeting seeking to enhance the experiences of LBGTQ people at MIT and to ensure that its educational mission is upheld for all students of diverse gender, romantic, and sexual identities. Meetings are once a month and address specific LBGTQ community projects.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, March 12th
Time: 5:00-6:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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@rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgtmit

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@rainbowloungemit

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S NEW IN THE RL?

We encourage you to drop by the rainbow lounge to check out the new games, books, videos, yoga mats, and much more added to the space. Bring your friends, turn up some tunes, and hang out in the space between classes. Have an idea about what would make the lounge even cooler? Use the whiteboard to write out what you think should be added.

ALSO HAPPENING AT MIT

LBGTQ@MIT PI DAY CHALLENGE

Help us to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus climate both now and in the future. If 50 donors give to LBGTQ@MIT on Pi Day, Eric Reiner '83 will make a $5,000 bonus gift to the program. And if 50 more give, he'll give an additional $5,000, for a total of $10,000! ***Website below: http://24hourchallenge.mit.edu/***

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, March 14
Time: 24 Hour Event

QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR PANEL DISCUSSION - A COLLABORATIVE ERG WOMEN'S HISTORY

The LBGTQ+, WIT, Latino/a, and ABAC Employee Resource Groups invite you to join us for this panel discussion event where we will hear from queer women of color about their experiences at MIT and beyond. All are welcome and lunch is provided. ***Please RSVP here: https://bit.ly/2CXe2Mg***

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, March 19th
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

OPEN MIC NIGHT: RAK WEEK

Mark your calendars for the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) and Good Karma Open Mic Night! Attendees are welcome to listen or speak in front of a crowd. Please fill out the google form if you would like to address the crowd in-person anonymously: ***bit.ly/rakopenmicsignup***

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, March 14th
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

ALSO HAPPENING AT MIT CONT.

LBGTQ SPIRITUALITY & FAITH SERIES - REV. DR. DONNIE ANDERSON

Join us for dinner and conversation as we embark on a series exploring multiple aspects of identity in a variety of religious and spiritual traditions. Hear from faith leaders about their journey through the intersections of sexual orientation, gender identity, and their religious, spiritual, or ethical tradition. All are welcome.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, March 12
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

A CONVERSATION ON RACE WITH DR. BEVERLY DANIEL TATUM

Hear from Dr. Tatum on her book Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race in a discussion moderated by Dean Melissa Nobles.

Bring your book or purchase one from the bookstore to have it signed.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, April 18
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: E51-115

CHANGE MAKER AWARDS

Violence Prevention & Response and Title IX & Bias Response are now accepting nominations for the MIT Change-Maker Awards. These awards honor individuals who make outstanding contributions to end sexual violence at MIT. Change-makers challenge harmful attitudes, language, and behaviors to create culture changes. ***Submit nominations by March 8th: tinyurl.com/MITchangemaker***

ALSO HAPPENING AT MIT CONT.

CHURROS Y CHISME

Churros Y Chisme is a monthly discussion hosted in the Latino Cultural Center Lounge. The event topics have ranged from What does it mean to be Latinx? to How does the current political climate impact us as Latinx people? While we embark on a discussion, we will create community and bond over churros.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, March 19th
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: LLC Lounge (W20-202)

MIT BOT* RETREAT

*The Office of Multicultural Programs (OMP) in partnership with the Student Activities Office (SAO) is currently recruiting students for the MIT BOT (*Bringing Others Together) Retreat!!! This retreat is open to any current undergraduate and graduate MIT student and it is completely*

Register: tinyurl.com/y6nm37x4

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, April 5 - Sunday, 7th
Time: Bus departs 5:00 PM
Location: Camp Burgess in MA

CRD GRANT PROGRAM

The Committee on Race and Diversity (CRD) grant program has extended their deadline to Friday, March 22, 2019.

For more information and to apply please go to the link below.

Apply: http://diversity.mit.edu/grants-program/

ALSO HAPPENING AT MIT CONT.

HOW TO ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES

The 2019 "How to Adult" Series. Please RSVP for any of the "How to Adult" workshops. The series focuses on topics to help you prepare for "adulting", including, professional dining etiquette, dating, finances, networking, mental health, and so much more!

Leading as an Introvert: *Tues, 3/19 7:30pm 66-154*
Social Media & Best Practices to Developing Your Brand: *Wed, 3/20 12pm 4-145*
Networking w/ Alumni Social Hour: *Thurs, 4/11 @ 7pm in Flowers Dining Room (Maseeh)*
Financial Planning for the "Real World": *Thurs, 4/18 6pm 32-155 (Stata)*

Contact Joseph Granado, granado@mit.edu, for more information.

SHADOW A STUDENT AND ADMITTED STUDENT OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

The MIT Undergraduate Office of Admissions is looking for volunteers to help with the Shadow a Student and Admitted Student Overnight Programs!
Juniors and Seniors in high school are matched with current MIT undergraduates, allowing them to attend classes and have lunch with a friendly student who can answer their questions about their MIT Undergraduate experience.
The Overnight Program allows admitted students who are unable to attend CPW the chance to spend the night on-campus with a current MIT student to see if they ultimately want to attend.

Apply here!: https://mit.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Og6PrybLiw85IV

FULL-TIME SUMMER STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS IN MIT'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The MIT Office of Sustainability (MITOS) is currently seeking student applicants for 4 full-time paid Sustainability Fellowships for Summer 2019. Join a dynamic, collaborative office that is developing MIT's next generation vision of campus sustainability. Each position is for 10 weeks from June to August, and is open to MIT and non-MIT upper-level undergraduate and graduate students.

For detailed information about each position visit: MITOS Jobs and Fellowships

*To apply, send a resume and cover letter to **mitosjobs@mit.edu** with the name of the position in the subject line.*

Abilities Dance

Audacity is Abilities Dance's 3rd annual production taking place March 22nd at the Multicultural Arts Center in Cambridge. The show features performances by the professional performing company of Abilities, guest choreographers from Heidi Latksy Dance in NYC, the youth from Our Space Our Place, SWG/dancetheatre from NJ, and more!

Check out abilitiesdanceboston.org for more information and to get tickets.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, March 22nd
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Multicultural Arts Center in Cambridge.

LGBTQ CONFERENCE

ORGANIZED BY STUDENT GROUPS AT HARVARD

Harvard's 6th annual LGBTQ conference will have keynote speakers include Aisha Moodie-Mills, Immediate Past-President of the LGBTQ Victory Fund, and Aaron Morris, Executive Director of Immigration Equality, with a wide variety of topics addressed. Admission is $20-$30 and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and receptions on Friday and Saturday.

Visit harvardlgbtqconference.org for schedule and registration

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday & Saturday, March 8th -9th
Location: Harvard

PAID LBGTQ SUMMER INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Victory Institute will bring outstanding LGBTQ college students to Washington, D.C., for an 8-week intensive leadership program, including a Congressional internship with an LGBTQ-friendly member of Congress.

The program includes a generous stipend, housing in D.C., placement in a congressional internship and travel to/from Washington, D.C., as well as travel and registration to the LGBTQ Leaders Conference in December 2019.

For more information visit: https://victoryinstitute.org/2019-victory-congressional-internship-application/

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Deadline: March 8th
Dates: 5/28-7/20
Location: Washington D.C.

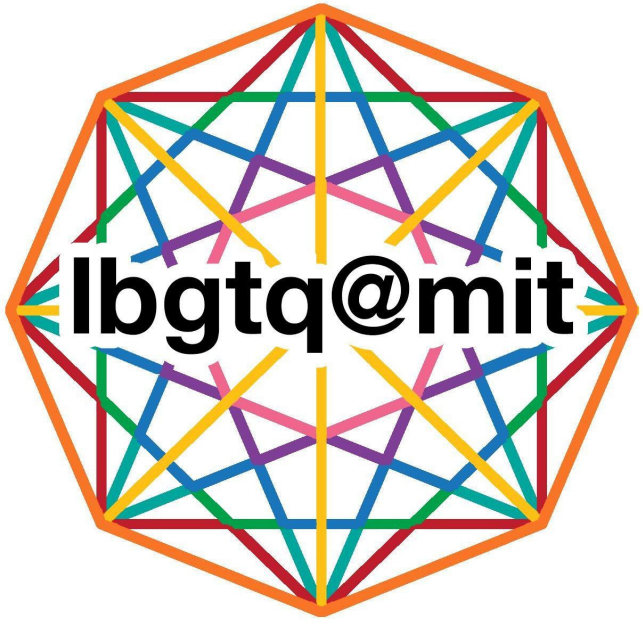
BAYARD RUSTIN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast maintains a tradition of commemorating and celebrating the life and work of Bayard Rustin, one of the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement. The annual event gathers to to carry on Bayard Rustin's legacy and honor LBGTQ+ individuals from communities of color who have been instrumental in fighting HIV/AIDS.

For more information and to buy tickets, please go here: https://aac.org/ways-to-give/bayard-rustin-breakfast/

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Saturday, March 30th
Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: JFK Presidential Library and Museum, Boston



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

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

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