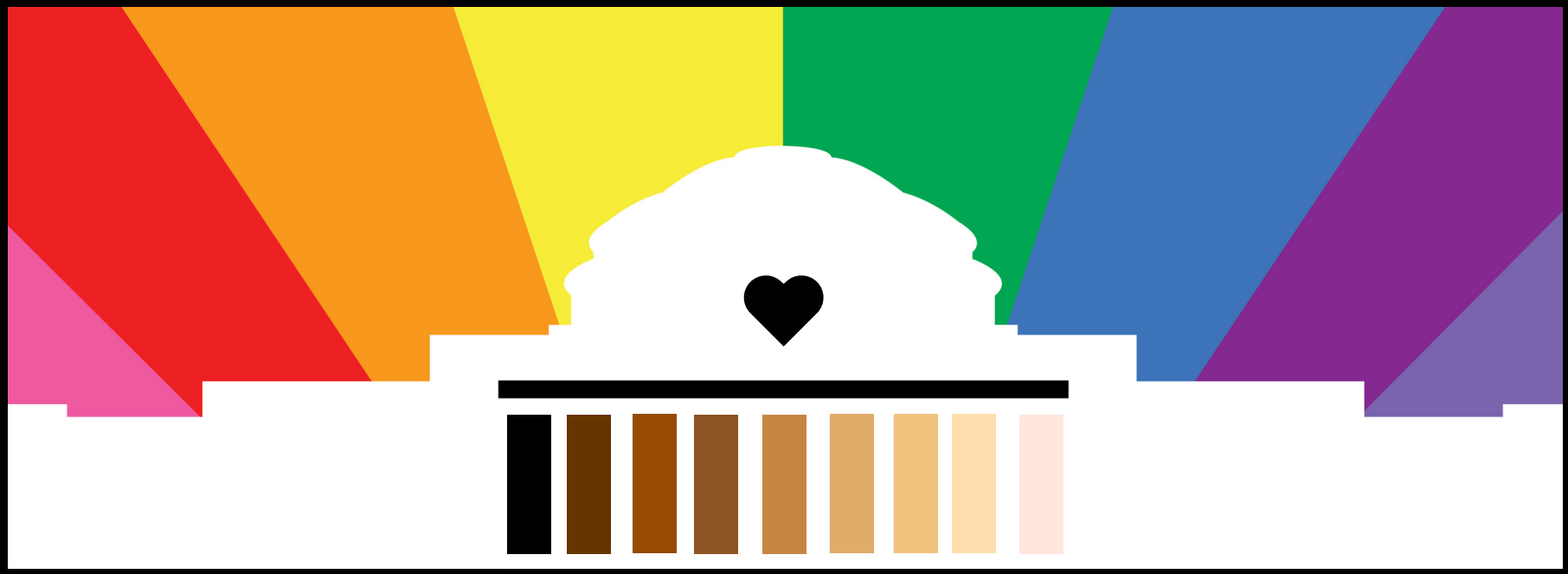

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

MARCH 2021

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

WOMXN'S HERITAGE MONTH

Womxn's Heritage Month commemorates and encourages the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of womxn in American history.

We use the term "womxn" to explicitly state the diversity of contributions made beyond just cisgender (and heterosexual!) women, and these voices are often overlooked and marginalized within marginalized communities.

We see you. We hear you. We celebrate you.

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

Office Hours

Office hours for the LBGTQ+ Services Assistant Director, Lauryn McNair (she/they) by email: lmcnair@mit.edu

TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

TDoV is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Join LBGTQ+ Services on March 31st, 4-5pm EST for discussion, celebration, and the opportunity to sign-up to receive a TDoV celebration package. Package can include trans comic anthologies, affirming coloring books with colored pencils, chocolate from trans and queer vendors, and more.
mit.zoom.us/j/95135528874

R L HOURS

Virtual Hangouts

mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

Tuesday, March 9 | Mondays, March 15 & 29

1:00 - 3:00pm EST

LBGTQ+ SERVICES SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING

QTPOC

WHAT IS QTPOC?

QTPoC is for queer and trans people of color in the MIT community to hang out with each other once a month, chat, watch movies, and have support.

Feel free to join at any time and bring friends!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Find out more information about zoom link and date on our website:
lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc

WEB FAM FRIDAYS

WHAT IS WFF?

Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen on biweekly Fridays. It might be a movie, a game, a chat space, and more!

Check our social media pages or our website for more information:
lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Fridays March 12 & 26*
Time: *6:00 - 8:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

RAINBOW LOUNGE HANGOUT

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Rainbow Lounge Hangouts are hangouts run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers. Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more.

There's always something going on so stay for all or part of the time to hang out with other students.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Tuesday, March 9 & Mondays, March 15 & 29*
Time: *1:00 - 3:00 PM EST*
Location:
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Twitter: @lbgtmit

Instagram:
@rainbow_lounge_mit

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: HTTPS://LBGTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/

MARCH LBGTQ+ BOOK RECS.

BATTLE SCARS BY MEGHAN O'BRIEN

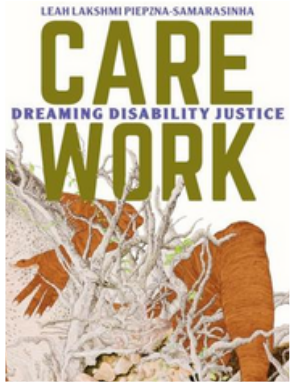
TAGS: *Lesbian, Veteran, Disability*

Ray McKenna returns from Iraq and relies on her therapy dog Jagger to help her through PTSD. When Ray walks into the North Coast Veterinary Clinic with Jagger, she and veterinarian, Dr. Carly Warner, begin a friendship that takes them both by surprise.

CARE WORK BY LEAH LAKSHMI PIEPZNA-SAMARASINHA

TAGS: *Disabled, Asian American*

In their collection, Piepzna-Samarasinha explores the politics and realities of disability justice, a movement that centres the lives and leadership of sick and disabled queer, trans, Black, and brown people.



LBGTQ+ SERVICES UPDATES

CRAFTLACE CRAFTERDAY CORNER

Craft lace (sometimes called Gimp or Scoobies) are creative designs where you can make key chains, friendship bracelets, and advanced designs to have fun. Join Robert from LBGTQ+ Services and learn how to create some basic structures with your craft lace. Open to all in the MIT community.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Friday, March 5*
Time: *5:00 - 7:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/96641952027

QTPOC HANGOUT SPACE

Come enjoy some time to relax, chat about what's going on in the world today, listen to music, eat some food and chill or just stop by and say hi! Join and hangout with your other MIT QTPOC community members.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, March 10*
Time: *6:00 - 7:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130

QTPOC GAME NIGHT

Come join the Rainbow Lounge for a fun night. We'll play some classic games such as Bingo, Kahoot Trivia, Cards Against Humanity and more. There will also be prizes to win!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, March 24*
Time: *6:00 - 7:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130

LBGTQ+ SERVICES UPDATES (CONTD.)

RAINBOW LOUNGE HANGOUTS

Monday/Tuesday hangouts are run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers! Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more. This month's events include watching the movie Moxie (March 9), playing board games (March 15). and watching Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal (March 29).

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Tuesday, March 9, and Mondays, March 15 & 29*
Time: *1:00 - 3:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

WEB FAM FRIDAYS

Join one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers in games, movies, TV shows, and more in this casual twice a month hangout. The goal of Web Fam Friday is to provide a relaxing social hangout for our community members. Come and hangout with old and new friends alike!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Fridays, March 12 & 26*
Time: *6:00 - 8:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY DISCUSSION

Please join MIT's gender diverse and gender questioning community for Trans Day of Visibility in small and large group discussion facilitated by LBGTQ+ Services. Afterwards, participants can sign-up to receive a trans joy package.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, March 31*
Time: *4:00 - 5:00 PM EST*
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/95135528874

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

BLACK FEMINIST HEALTH SCIENCE STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

The first Black Feminist Health Science Studies Symposium is an introduction to the field and collective that claim the name. Join the symposium to talk about the need to integrate Black feminism into science, medicine, technology, and health. Speakers include Moya Bailey and Ruha Benjamin.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Thursday, March 18*
Time: *1:00 - 5:30 PM EST*
Location: *RSVP at* ***bit.ly/BFHSSS***

BLACK WOMEN & THE IVORY TOWER: DISCOVERING & MAINTAINING OUR AUTHENTIC SELVES

Join the Black Women's Association and My Sister's Keeper for their annual alumni panel to learn from MIT's black women alumni. Panelists include Joy Ekuta '13, Stephanie Espy '01, Kathryn Harris '12, and Kristala L.J. Prather '94.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, March 31*
Time: *12:00 - 1:30 PM EST*
Location: *RSVP for Zoom link at* ***tinyurl.com/MSKcareer21***

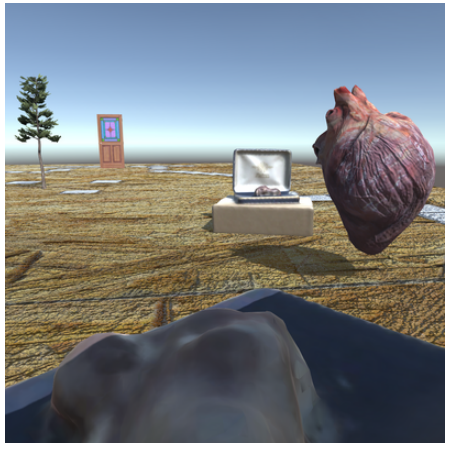
THE ISABELLE DE COURTIVRON PRIZE

MIT Global Languages seeks undergraduate student writing submissions—creative or expository—on immigrant, diaspora, bicultural, bilingual, and/or mixed-race experiences for its annual Isabelle de Courtivron Prize. First place winner receives $400 and second place receives $100.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Due Date: *Wednesday, March 3*
Location: *Get submission info and rules at* ***tiny.cc/gslWriting***

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL (CONTD.)



MIT LIBRARIES EXHIBIT CALL

Mariana Roa Oliva and Maya Bjornson with MIT Libraries' Department of Distinctive Collections are developing virtual installations with narratives and discoveries of folks with underrepresented genders at MIT and in STEM. This is inclusive of women, trans women and men, and gender non-binary and non-conforming people.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

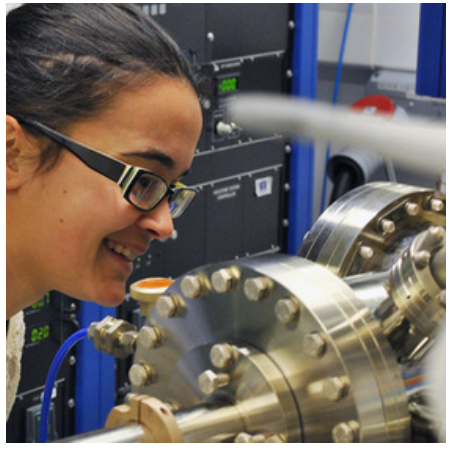
Location: *To contribute testimonies (and/or other materials) email* ***mroliva@mit.edu***

LEARN HOW TO THRIVE AT MIT

MIT's Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life had chaplains put together a short video on how to thrive and make the most of your time at MIT. Watch advice from Rev. Cody J. Sanders Special Advisor, LGBTQ+ Affairs and other chaplains as they share their knowledge.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Watch at* ***tinyurl.com/thriveMIT***



SCIENCE SNIPPETS: PHYSICS OF PARTICLES, TRAINS, AND THE UNIVERSE

Ever curious what goes on behind lab doors? Join us for short talks by MIT researchers designed for people with little or no previous background in the topics. The audience will be able to ask questions to speakers Ahmed A. Taimiyu, Edwin Pedrozo Penafiel, and Rachel Yang.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Due Date: *Tuesday, March 9*
Time: *4:30 - 6:00 PM EST*
Location: *Register at* ***tinyurl.com/MITLibMarch9***

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL (CONTD.)

AAI ZINE SUBMISSION

MIT AAI is looking to feature stories from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the second issue of our zine series Rooted. They are looking for art, from visual to written, including photography, illustration, short stories and more revolving around the themes of solitude, solidarity, and boundaries.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Due Date: *Sunday, March 21*
Location: *Submit at* ***bit.ly/aaizine***

MIT AWARDS

Nominations for the 2021 Awards Convocation are open! In particular nominate someone for the John S. W. Kellett '47 Award recognizes any MIT individual or group for an exceptional and/or sustained commitment to creating a more welcoming environment at MIT, including but not limited to the LGBT community.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Due Date: *Friday, March 26*
Location: *Submit at* ***awards.mit.edu/nominate*** *and for the Kellet award at* ***tinyurl.com/Kellet47***

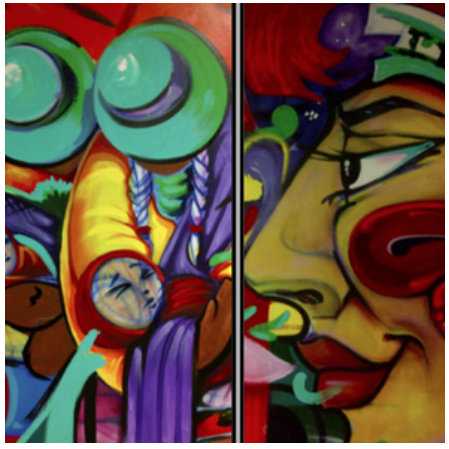
REGISTER FOR THE GCWS CONFERENCE "RADICAL LOVE ACROSS DIFFERENCE"

By using a praxis of love to highlight the struggles toward liberation, we approach what hooks suggests is a culture of refusing systems of domination. This conference seeks to explore the role radical love plays in health crises, climate change, and further social justice movements

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 11*
Location: *Registration + info at* ***tinyurl.com/GCWSRadical***

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL (CONTD.)



LCC SPRING SEMESTER SOCIAL

The Latino Cultural Center is hosting their spring semester social. Join them for a time to connect, relax and play some games. The first 20 students to RSVP will get an UberEats voucher. Deadline to RSVP is Wednesday March 3 at midnight.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Thursday, March 21*
Time: *6:00 - 7:00 PM EST*
Location: *RSVP at* ***tinyurl.com/LCCS21RSVP*** *& join* ***mit.zoom.us/j/8057565284***

LECTURE ON CAMPUS RACISM

MIT IFC and Panhel cordially invites MIT affiliated members to BLACKBALLED, a lecture on campus racism by author and speaker Lawrence Ross who wrote Blackballed and The Divine Nine, and has lectured at hundreds of college campuses across the nation. Admission is free to all MIT students.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Monday, March 8*
Time: *3:00 - 4:00 PM EST*
Location: *RSVP at* ***tiny.cc/BLACKBALLED***

JAMAL KHASHOGGI FELLOWSHIPS

Center for International Studies is offering Khashoggi Fellowships to undergraduate and graduate students. The fellowship offers volunteer research opportunities to develop and implement a survey to evaluate top industrial nations in helping or hurting democracy within the MENA region.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Due Date: *Monday, March 8*
Time: *5:00 PM EST*
Location: *Submit a cover letter and CV to John Tirman at* ***tirman@mit.edu***

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL (CONTD.)

THE 40 YEAR-OLD VERSION AT WOMEN TAKE THE REEL

Each year in March, the GCWS hosts a film festival, Women Take the Reel (WTTR), highlighting films directed by women on issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality studies. Join us for a screening of The Forty Year-Old Version on ***Friday March 19 at 7:00 PM*** *at* ***mit.zoom.us/j/96249216669.*** *Then join us for a panel discussion* ***Monday March 22 at 4:30 PM*** *at* ***mit.zoom.us/j/94104436406.***

13TH AT WOMEN TAKE THE REEL

Each year in March, the GCWS hosts a film festival, Women Take the Reel (WTTR), highlighting films directed by women on issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality studies. Join us for a screening of the documentary 13th on ***Saturday March 20 at 7:00 PM*** *at* ***mit.zoom.us/j/96775784646.*** *Then join us for a panel discussion* ***Thursday March 25 at 4:30 PM*** *at* ***mit.zoom.us/j/93509899378.***

BOSTON'S LGBTQ PAST

A gay and lesbian culture flourished in Boston, in private homes, the theatre, coffee houses, the baths, and of course, bars. We will follow the footsteps of gay and lesbian friends from the 1840s to the 1980s. Stick around after the presentation for a Q&A with Boston by Foot's expert guide! Tickets free for MIT community.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Tuesday, April 20*
Time: *4:00 PM EST*
Location: *Learn more & RSVP at* ***tinyurl.com/MITAC0420***

HAPPENING AT MIT: JUST FOR GRADS

VIRTUAL LGBTQ GRAD STUDENT DINNER WITH ALUMNI

LBGT Grad and MIT Alumni Association are hosting a virtual gathering with Tracy Washington PhD '13, PD '14 and Sam Brinton SM '14, who both serve on the board of BGLATA, Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumnx. Space is limited for the event.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday March 3*
Time: *6:30 - 8:00 PM EST*
Location: *Register at* ***tinyurl.com/GradMarch3***

BEYOND MIT

WORKFAIR

WorkFair is a virtual career fair for LGBTQ+ graduates and professionals. During WorkFair, students and graduates can send their CV to companies, book interviews with recruiters and attend skills webinars (VC writing, Public Speaking, Job search, etc).

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, March 24*
Time: *9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST*
Location: *Learn more at* ***mygwork.com/workfair***

LGBTQ COLLEGE HEALTH, ONE YEAR INTO THE PANDEMIC

Researchers and LGBTQ student leaders at Vanderbilt University are inviting GBTQ students to participate in a brief survey that will document and identify the needs of LGBTQ college one year into the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a chance to win an Amazon giftcard.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Survey is at* ***tinyurl.com/40z7t1dw***

SDSU PRIDE CENTER

San Diego State University's Pride Center Pen Pal-ing Program is looking to connect Queer and Trans students from across the state and country via letter writing and occasional virtual meetings. The commitment entails writing one letter a month, three-four (3-4) total. And participating in two virtual Zoom sessions spanning a total of two (2) hours.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Sign up at* ***tiny.cc/pridePal***

BEYOND MIT (CONTD.)

NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY CONVENTION

Join the Miller Institute for the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention. For $149, registration includes access to the virtual workshops, roundtables, and presentations. The speakers include Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Christopher C. Irving, Jose Luis Posos, and Ayannah Johnson.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Saturday, April 10*
Time: *10:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST*
Location: *Register at* ***tiny.cc/MillerNSLDC***

BLACK IDENTITY STUDY

Prof. Carpenter at Applachian State University is conducting a study on how Black undergrad and grad students relate to their university environment and racial identity. The study includes a short survey and optional Zoon interview. People who complete an interview will be gifted a $20 Amazon giftcard.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Complete the survey at* ***tinyurl.com/DBSResearchStudy*** *and reach out with questions to* ***DBSStudy2020@gmail.com***

MY NAME (IS JOANA)

Flight or Visibility has just premiered their debut music video "My Name (is Joanna)." Offering a perfect antidote to the overly-commercialized, cis-heteronormative mass marketing of Valentine's Day, this celebration of self love showcases queer power and community. The video features Rafael Natan and Guadalupe Campos.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Watch the video* ***tiny.cc/NameJoana***

BEYOND MIT (CONTD.)

CIRCLE OF CHANGE FIRST GEN STUDENT VIRTUAL CAREER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Over this two day virtual career leadership experience, first generation students will not only hear from professionals and participate in specific programs t designed to meet the career readiness needs of first generation students. Registration is $99.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Friday, April 9 - Saturday, April 10*
Location: *Learn more* ***tinyurl.com/CircleChange***

THE CIRCLE OF BECOMING

Playwright V, songwriter Justin Tranter, and actor Idina Menzel share music and stories about the development of The Circle of Becoming, a new musical fairy tale about a teenage girl and her posse whose determination to save the planet endows them with powers they never knew they had.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Tuesday, March 2*
Time: *7:30 - 8:30 PM EST*
Location: *Learn more & RSVP at* ***tinyurl.com/CircleBecoming***

QTPOC RESEARCH STUDY

David Hutsell at Spalding is looking for people to participate in a brief online survey that aims to learn more about the experiences of LGBTQ+ people of color (POC) who use dating/social applications ("apps" or "hookup apps"), including how they navigate instances of racism on said apps.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Complete the survey at* ***tinyurl.com/Spalding-QTPOC*** *and email* ***dhutsell@spalding.edu*** *with questions*

BEYOND MIT (CONTD.)

SURVEY FOR APPLICATION FOR THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY

A student project team at Worcester Polytechnic Institute is raising awareness on issues surrounding unequal access to important LGBT+ resources, as not all access is created equal in the United States. They're collecting survey responses that will be used to help their application design.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: *Complete the survey at* ***tinyurl.com/WPILGBT*** *and email* ***gr-berlin-mqp-2021@wpi.edu*** *with more questions*

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