

# LBGTQ+ Services

## November LBGTQ+

### NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

### November

It's getting to cooler weather in Cambridge. Just because the spooky season is over doesn't mean the festivities have to stop.

Drop by the Rainbow Lounge and bring your friends along. We now have two tap access points - one near EC and one near the Hayden Library (which has elevator access).

**Want extended tap access from 10am - 11pm every day of the week?** If you're a part of a student club or student group you can fill out a form for tap access. Find more information here: <https://lbgtq.mit.edu/programs>

### Trans Day of Remembrance

Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR) is Saturday, November 20th. TDoR is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

We have several events in honor of TDoR from candle making to light in honor of trans and non-binary people, a chapel vigil, and a panel discussion. You can find the events and more listed in our newsletter.

## LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

Office Hours for LBGT+ Services Assistant Director, Lauryn McNair (she/they) by email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)

## ///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

### QTPoC

**Zoom Link:** <https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310>

**Dates:** November 8th & November 22nd

**Times:** 7-8pm EST

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!

### Queer Student Leaders Chat

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**Dates:** November 5th

**Times:** 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Queer Student Leader Chats are a time for the leaders of our multiple queer student groups to gather, mingle and brainstorm. This will take place every first Friday of the month

## **///Follow Us on Social Media**

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Twitter: @lbgmtmit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

## **///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### November LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

*A Two-Spirit Journey: The Autobiography of a Lesbian Ojibwa-Cree Elder*

**TAGS:** Native / Indigenous, Lesbian

**Description:** A Two-Spirit Journey is Ma-Nee Chacaby's extraordinary account of her life as an Ojibwa-Cree lesbian.

*Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A resource for the transgender community*

**TAGS:** Trans, Education

**Description:** Trans Bodies, Trans Selves is a revolutionary resource—a comprehensive, reader-friendly guide for transgender people, with each chapter written by transgender or genderqueer authors.

# ///LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates

## **Transgender Awareness Week: Drop In!**

**Location:** *Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*

**Dates:** *Tuesday, November 15th*

**Times:** *1:00PM - 4:00PM*

*Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to kick off Transgender Awareness Week! Check out our book recommendations, make some buttons and grab a flag!*

## **Transgender Day of Remembrance Candle Making**

**Location:** *Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*

**Date:** *Friday, November 12th*

**Time:** *1:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

Join us as we make and design candles in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance. All materials are free for current MIT students and staff. We encourage you to participate in the candle lighting event, which will follow the Transgender Day of Remembrance Chapel Event.

## **Transgender Day of Remembrance**

**Location:** *MIT Chapel*

**Dates:** *Friday, November 19th*

**Times:** *11:00AM - 1:30PM*

*In collaboration with LBGTQ+ Services and the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical life, a vigil will be held in the MIT Chapel in honor of Trans Day of Remembrance.*

*All are welcome to attend.*

## **Transgender Day of Awareness Virtual Discussion**

**Location:** [mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310](https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310)

**Dates:** Monday, November 22, 2021

**Times:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

*Join us on zoom for a virtual discussion with Ronnie Taylor (she/her), a transgender rights advocate and activist, as she dives into the trans experience and a reflection of the current state of transgender rights.*

## **Potted Plant decorating and Succulent Give Away**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**Dates:** Tuesday, November 22, 2021

**Times:** 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

*Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to grab a succulent and decorate clay pots!*

## **Movie Viewing: Disclosure**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**Dates:** Friday, November 26, 2021

**Times:** 5:00pm - 7:00 pm

*In this documentary, leading trans creatives and thinkers share heartfelt perspectives and analysis about Hollywood's impact on the trans community. Join us for a movie viewing with snacks!*

## **///@MIT FOR ALL**

### **Weekends@MIT Initiative**

*As part of the Weekends@MIT initiative, aimed to increase substance-free social events on campus on Friday and Saturday nights, Alcohol and Other Drugs Services can contribute up to \$500 to your sponsored event in the Coffeeshouse Lounge (3rd*

*floor of Student Center) on a Saturday between 9pm – 11pm. This money could go towards food, supplies, etc.*

*If you're interested reach out to Elsa of AODS at [weekendsmit\\_support@mit.edu](mailto:weekendsmit_support@mit.edu)*

## **Women of Color Professional Fund & LBGTQ+ Professional Fund**

*Did you know that you can apply for funding to help cover expenses associated with school applications, exams, professional attire, legal name changes and more? Visit [wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds](https://wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds) for more details!*

## **///[@MIT FOR GRADS](#)**

### ***LGBT Grad Movie Night: Jennifer's Body***

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**Dates:** Friday, October 8

**Times:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM

*Join LGBT Grad to watch Jennifer's Body! This feminist and queer cult classic film features the bisexual icon Megan Fox in a black comedy.*

*Comfy clothes and PJ's are encouraged, and there will be FREE FOOD! Please fill the form to RSVP to the event.*

<https://tinyurl.com/rkhhyevz>

### **QTPHD Coffee Chats**

**Location:** Email [qtphds-admin@mit.edu](mailto:qtphds-admin@mit.edu) for location of the month

**Dates:** Monday, November 1st

**Times:** 3:00PM - 4:00PM

*First Monday of the month join QTPhDs for coffee and snacks from 3-4pm EDT. The Rainbow Lounge is reserved in case of inclement weather. Email: [qtphds-admin@mit.edu](mailto:qtphds-admin@mit.edu) for more information and to join their mailing list.*

## **///BEYOND MIT**

### **Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy and The Brain Study**

*A study to help with the understanding of how Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy influences the brain, emotion, and memory. For more information and to see if you qualify: <https://rally.partners.org/study/gaht>*

### **Project Passion Research Study**

*Are you a member of the LGBTQ+ community that is:*

- *In a relationship*
- *21 years or older (you and your partner)*
- *They currently drink alcohol (i.e., they are not in recovery)*

*Opportunity to earn between \$40-\$145 per partner for this online study to develop culturally-sensitive recommendations and programs to promote healthy intimate relationships for LGBTQ+ people.*

*For more information, check out the website: [www.tinyurl.com/passionstudy1](http://www.tinyurl.com/passionstudy1)*

## **Tangerine Screening and Panel Discussion**

**Location:** Register for Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/3be4eiE>

**Dates:** Saturday, November 20th

**Times:** 1:00PM - 3:30 PM

*In a 2015 comedy-drama Sin-Dee Rella, a transgender sex worker finds out that her boyfriend/pimp has been cheating on her and tries to find his other girlfriend. Unlike most films that portray sex workers as tragic victims, this film presents honest and endearing characters based on real-life experiences. Sponsored by Belmont Public Library.*

## **TDOR Virtual Gathering**

**Location:** Register for Zoom Link: [tinyurl.com/45m6b2ac](https://tinyurl.com/45m6b2ac)

**Dates:** Saturday, November 20th

**Times:** 7:00 PM - 08:15 PM

*This event will include reflections by local transgender women and nonbinary people of color (those most impacted by transphobic violence), a reading of names, and opportunities to talk about allyship.*

### **You are welcome here**

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

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

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