

# LBGTQ+ Services

## February LBGTQ+

### NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

### Black Heritage Month

February is Black Heritage Month: a celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

For black queer and trans people, this month can be a complicated one due to their intersecting identities of gender and/or sexuality in relation to their race/ethnicity (much like many QTPoC). If you're looking for community, LBGTQ+ Services has a brand new QTPoC page [lgbtq.mit.edu/qt poc](http://lgbtq.mit.edu/qt poc) and make sure to check our programming for events.

### Black LBGTQ+ Conversations

The Office of Multicultural Programs is putting on a series of MIT Black Community Conversations. Join Lauryn McNair (she/they) and DJ Rock (they/them) in a 90 minute workshop and discussion on being black and queer as well as tips and best practices for creating intersectional LBGTQ+ inclusive environments. Open to MIT students in the community.

Thursday, February 25th at 8pm EST.

[mit.zoom.us/j/91884660644](http://mit.zoom.us/j/91884660644)

### LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

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

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

Virtual Hangouts

Zoom Link: [mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424)

Tuesdays: 12-2 pm EST (Feb 2, 9)

## ///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

### QTPoC

***Find out more information about zoom link and date on our website:***

***[lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)***

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!

### Web Fam Fridays

***Zoom Link: [mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424)***

***Fridays February 5, 19***

***Time TBD***

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

Check our social media pages or our website for more information:

[lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)

### Rainbow Lounge Hangout

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***Tuesdays February 2,9***

***12:00 - 2:00 PM EST***

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.

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

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgmtmit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

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

### February LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Zami: A New Spelling of My Name by Audre lorde

TAGS: Lesbian, Black, Non-Fiction

Zami: A New Spelling of My Name is a 1982 biomythography by American poet Audre Lorde. From the author's vivid childhood memories in Harlem to her coming of age in the late 1950s, the nature of Audre Lorde's work is cyclical.

Arc 1: The Secret Ingredient Is Love. No, Really (Stake Sauce) by RoAnna Sylver

TAGS: Asexual, White, Fantasy

Jude used to leap out of helicopters, but now he's a mall cop with PTSD fighting vampires. One day, he meets Pixie, a vampire who won't bite others. And Pixie could use some help staying 'alive.' Time for a deal.

## **///**LBGTQ+ Services Updates****

### **Outside the Wire Watch Party**

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424)**

**Tuesday, February 2**

**12:00 - 2:00 PM EST**

*Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout to watch the new Netflix action movie just released in January. The movie, set in the near future, features a drone pilot sent into a war zone who finds himself paired up with a top-secret android officer on a mission to stop a nuclear attack. The movie is rated R.*

### **Penguins of Madagascar Watch Party**

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424)**

**Tuesday, February 9**

**12:00 - 2:00 PM EST**

*Don't you miss the classic animated movies? For a Rainbow Lounge Hangout, we will be watching Penguins of Madagascar. Led by Agent Classified, this special inter-species task force must stop a many-tentacled villain, Dr. Octavius Brine, from destroying the world. Rated PG.*

### **Web Fam Fridays**

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424](https://mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424)**

**Fridays, February 5, 19**

**Time TBD**

*Join us on Fridays in February to kick back and chill. Might be a movie, might be a game, might be something else. No matter what it is you can come and hangout with other folks.*

*Check back for more details at [lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0](https://lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0)*

## Valentine's Day Movie

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/92560531460](https://mit.zoom.us/j/92560531460)**

**Saturday, February 13**

**6PM EST**

*Join us online Valentine's Day Weekend to enjoy a queer romantic movie together and eat your favorite snack.*

*Check back online for what movie (or short films) on our website at*

*[lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)*

## Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week (ASAW)

**URL: [lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)**

**Thursday, February 21 - Thursday, February 28**

**All week**

*ASAW, held after Valentine's Day, began in large part as a way for the aromantic community who had difficulty finding space for their experiences in such a universally romanticized event to come together and celebrate their own unique experiences.*

## Crafterday Corner

**URL: Sign-up at [tinyurl.com/FebCrafterday](https://tinyurl.com/FebCrafterday) ; Join**

**[mit.zoom.us/j/97453500814](https://mit.zoom.us/j/97453500814)**

**Friday, February 12**

**5:00 PM EST**

*Join LBGTQ+ services for a Crafterday Corner for a casual, low-key Zoom crafting session with fellow MIT students. We will send a free craft kit to an address of your choosing when you sign up! No crafting experience required. This program is sponsored by MindHandHeart at MIT and is open to all MIT students.*

## Escape the Room

**URL: Register at [lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)**

**Wednesday, February 24**

## **Time TBD**

*Just like physical escape rooms, digital escape rooms provide a challenging adventure for you and your friends, family or loved-ones. You'll get the same cooperative gameplay, puzzles and tasks to overcome as you all work towards a shared goal – escaping the room, except it's all virtual. REGISTER ONLINE.*

## **New QTPOC Page**

**URL: [lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc](http://lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc)**

*The new Queer Trans People of Color (QTPOC) page provides MIT students with the latest LBGTQ+ resources and programs throughout the year. You'll find virtual programming, book recommendations, and external/ internal resources. The page will be updated regularly.*

## **Virtual Showing of Disney+'s Soul**

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/92479968823](https://mit.zoom.us/j/92479968823)**

**Wednesday, February 10**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM EST**

*LBGTQ+ Services and OMP BSU are collaborating to show the family-friendly movie Soul. Bring some popcorn, snacks, drinks and enjoy a movie about Jazz, life, and Black culture. Open to all in the MIT community.*

## **QTPOC Social Media Takeover**

**URL: *LBGTQ+ Social Media***

**Instagram: [@rainbow lounge mit](https://www.instagram.com/rainbow_lounge_mit)**

**Twitter: [@lbgtMIT](https://twitter.com/lbgtMIT)**

**Facebook: [lbgt@mit](https://www.facebook.com/lbgt@mit)**

**February 16-23**

*Starting the 16th of February, You will be able to learn about Black LBGTQ+ history through quizzes, crosswords, and other ways on LBGTQ+ social media platforms.*

## LGBTQ+ Video Resources

**URL: [lgbtq.mit.edu/resources](http://lgbtq.mit.edu/resources)**

*LGBTQ+ Services is creating quick 101 educational videos for people to view, share, and learn from. Please check back once a semester to find a new video added. These videos have toggle on/off closed captions*

*The first video is on gender neutral pronouns.*

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

### Feminisms Unbound - Global Protests

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/GCWSFeb18](http://tinyurl.com/GCWSFeb18)**

**Thursday, February 18**

**6:30 - 8:30 PM EST**

*Join the GCWS for a panel on how protest messages and movements lay bare the asymmetries of privilege and oppression, the unevenness of growth and wellbeing, and simultaneously encourage a social transformation that takes seriously interdependencies of life, humanity, and ecology.*

### Rooted Zine Issue Two

**URL: Submit at [tinyurl.com/AAIZine2](http://tinyurl.com/AAIZine2) and for more info email [aai-zine@mit.edu](mailto:aai-zine@mit.edu)**

**Submission Due: Sunday, March 28**

*MIT AAI is looking to feature stories from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the second issue of our zine series Rooted. MIT AAI are looking for art, from visual to written, revolving around the themes of solitude, solidarity, and boundaries. All submissions by AAPI folks welcome.*

## Spring 2021: Learning Past White-Washed Curriculum

**URL: The graphic is available at [tinyurl.com/AIIGraphic](https://tinyurl.com/AIIGraphic) and a longer list is at [tinyurl.com/mitspring2021](https://tinyurl.com/mitspring2021)**

*Looking for spring classes? MIT AAI put together a list of classes to learn beyond Eurocentric and white-washed classes. There is a graphic of slides that highlight classes traditionally overlooked in the American education system that MIT students can enroll in this Spring 2021 at MIT, Harvard, or Wellesley.*

## Reimagining Public Safety

**URL: [web.mit.edu/webcast/bgsa/s21](https://web.mit.edu/webcast/bgsa/s21)**

**Thursday, February 4**

**1:00 - 2:30 PM EST**

*The MIT Black Graduate Student Association and the Institute Community Equity Office are proud to announce a live discussion and Q&A on campus policing and the “defund the police” movement with community organizers from Chicago, New York and Boston.*

## 47th Annual Martin Luther King (MLK) Celebration

**URL: Check back at [tinyurl.com/MITMLK21](https://tinyurl.com/MITMLK21) for more info**

**Wednesday, February 10**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST**

*Program will include a keynote address, as well as musical selections and brief remarks by an MIT graduate student, undergraduate student, and staff member. Breakout rooms later will allow for some unstructured social time to connect as a community.*

## Artist Talk Cindy Ji Hye Kim

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/ListFeb10](https://tinyurl.com/ListFeb10)**

**Wednesday, February 10**

**12:30 - 1:30 PM EST**

*Join artist Cindy Ji Hye Kim and Dr. Maria Walsh, researcher and art critic at Chelsea College of Arts and author of *Art and Psychoanalysis* (2012), for a gallery talk on the exhibition *List Projects 22: Cindy Ji Hye Kim*. They will examine psychoanalysis and relationships between the body and structures of power.*

## **LEADer conference**

**URL: Register at [tiny.cc/leader21](https://tiny.cc/leader21)**

**Weekdays, February 1-12**

**Workshop times vary**

*The “I’m a LEADer” (Learning Equity and Diversity) Conference is a collaborative effort between SPXCE and SOLE teams. There will provide space for students to engage in conversations about diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice and give them the skills to learn more about themselves and others.*

## **Lincoln Labs MLK Celebration**

**URL: Zoom ID: 161 019 5209, Passcode: 599147**

**Thursday, February 4**

**1:00 PM EST**

*Join Lincoln Labs celebrating Dr. King's legacy on increasing inclusion within the technical domain. Dr. Karl Reid, Executive Director, National Society of Black Engineers, will be the speaker for this year's celebration, which has a theme of “Fulfilling the Dream with Courage and Hope”.*

## **Solve's Virtual Indigenous Innovators Summit 2021**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/solveFeb10](https://tinyurl.com/solveFeb10)**

**Wednesday, Feb 10 – Thursday Feb 11**

**Time Varies**

*Dive into discussions with cross-sector leaders as we explore the necessary facets of a fruitful ecosystem of Indigenous entrepreneurs, showcasing best practices for partnerships in tribal communities. You'll connect with Indigenous Communities Fellowship winners to share advice and ideas.*

## **LGBTQ+ Inclusivity within the Black Community**

**URL: Zoom Meeting ID is 918 8466 0644**

**Thursday, February 25**

**8:00 - 9:30 PM EST**

*Join Lauryn McNair (she/they) and DJ Rock (they/them) in a 90 minute workshop and discussion on being black and queer as well as tips and best practices for creating intersectional LGBTQ+ inclusive environments. Sponsored by the OMP and intended for Black students in the MIT community.*

## **BSU Guided Meditation**

**URL: Zoom Meeting ID is 998 7831 0073**

**Monday, February 8, 12:00 - 12:30 PM EST**

**Thursday, February 11, 5:00 - 5:30 PM EST**

*Rach Junard (she/they) is a wellness educator, yoga instructor and healer guide is leading guided meditations with the BSU. They are 500 RYT certified with a trauma informed lens. Rach is also the co-founder of You Good, Sis, a wellness collective for Black and brown women, femmes and trans folks.*

## **MIT Reads**

**URL: Get more information on how to get the book and upcoming events at [tinyurl.com/MITReads21](https://tinyurl.com/MITReads21)**

*This spring the MIT Reads program with FLI@MIT and CASE is featuring *The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students* by Anthony Abraham Jack. *The Privileged Poor* talks about how and why disadvantaged students struggle at elite colleges and how colleges can help them thrive.*

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

## **LGBTQ+ Grad Speed Networking**

**URL: RSVP at [bit.ly/queernerd](https://bit.ly/queernerd)**

**Friday, February 10**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM EST**

*It is that time of year, the annual LGBT Grad Speed Networking Event! Looking for a Valentine's Day date or just want to make friends with other queer students on campus? Then this is the event for you. :) There will also be a \$15 food voucher. Make sure to bring a "beverage."*

## **///**BEYOND MIT****

### **CollegeHush Mentors Wanted**

**URL: To apply to be mentor check out [collegehush.com/be-a-mentor](https://collegehush.com/be-a-mentor)**

*CollegeHush bridges this gap between representation and reality by providing high school clients with college students who attend the schools to which they are applying. CollegeHush pays mentors to meet on Zoom for 20 or 40 minutes (at the client's choosing), during which the mentor provides genuine insight.*

### **African Americans In STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/AfAmWikipedia](https://tinyurl.com/AfAmWikipedia)**

**Sunday, February 21**  
**12:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Join the National Museum of African American History and Culture and BlackComputerHER as they celebrate African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon. Participants will create and edit Wikipedia pages for African American STEM professionals highlighting the impacts on their communities.*

### **The Queer Art of Surviving a Pandemic: An Online Workshop with Popo Fan**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/fanpopo](https://tinyurl.com/fanpopo)**

**Friday, February 19**  
**10:00 - 11:30 AM EST**

*In this online event, Berlin-based Chinese queer filmmaker Popo Fan will lead a workshop on queer community building and care work for members of the LGBTQ+ communities. The first half of the event will include a showing of Fan's movies. After, the audience can share their experiences.*

## Transgender Healthcare Technology Survey

**URL: More info on the study at [go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechStudy](https://go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechStudy) & the survey can be taken at [go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechSurvey](https://go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechSurvey)**

*Taylor Martinez, a master's student in computer science, is studying if technology is serving the LGBTQ+ community needs as it relates to health information seeking and health care services. She is conducting both an online survey and a separate interview to find out LGBTQ+ individuals' experiences on the topic.*

## A Musical Celebration of Dr. King's Legacy

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/KingFeb5](https://tinyurl.com/KingFeb5)**

**Friday, February 5**

**10:30 AM - 1:00 PM EST**

*Join Riverside Community Care for an inspiring celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month. The program, "The Lived Experience of Dr. King's Dream," will feature Reverend Justin Lester, Kimberley Locke of American Idol and Jerome Kyles of Trial By Choir.*

## Housing and Res Life for Transgender Students

**Email [cdigrazi@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:cdigrazi@poets.whittier.edu) for more information and sign-up link**

*Cole DiGrazia for their senior project is researching how colleges and universities can better provide safe and affirming on-campus housing for transgender students with a focus on gender inclusive housing. They are interviewing transgender college students, as well as housing and residential life student affairs professionals.*

## Transgender Student Campus Belonging Survey

**URL: Survey is available at [tinyurl.com/BakerTrans](https://tinyurl.com/BakerTrans)**

**20 minutes to complete survey**

*Daniella Baker at USC's Rossier School of Education is seeking voluntary participants that identify as transgender college students for an anonymous online study on campus climates, college policies, and belonging. The goal is to help colleges improve policies and climates for trans students.*

**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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[Trans.mit.edu](http://Trans.mit.edu)