

LBGTQ+ Services

May 2023 LBGTQ+

NEWSLETTER

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///WELCOME

April Showers Bring Lavender Flowers

It's May and hopefully it means sunshine, summer, and soon to be relaxation. With the end of the semester don't forget it's Lavender Graduation season. We are thrilled to be celebrating our graduating students

Lavender Graduation

Lavender Graduation will be taking place Thursday May 4th, 2023 in the Burton-Conner Room. RSVP for the event is closed, but there is still time to submit shoutout and words of affirmation here: tinyurl.com/LavenderGradAffirmations

LBGTQ+ Services

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Thursday/Friday: 11am - 7pm

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Open Everyday via Tap Access

Student staff available Mon: 1 - 6 pm, Tue: 2 - 5 pm, Wed: 1 - 4 pm, Thu: 2 - 6 pm. Fri: 3 pm - 7 pm

Email: lbgt@mit.edu

AAPI HERITAGE Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Please check out our Instagram for programs, re-sharing of educational materials, promoting our sibling office, Women and Gender Services and for additional AAPI Events

Asian and Pacific American Heritage month was the idea of former congressional staffer Jeanie Jew who first approached Rep. Frank Horton about the idea of designating a month to recognize Asian Pacific Americans, following the United States' bicentennial celebration in 1976. In June 1977, Horton and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, introduced a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week. A month later, a similar bill was introduced in the Senate by former U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga. President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution for the celebration on Oct. 5, 1978. In 1990, George H.W. Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to extend Asian American Heritage Week to a month. On May 14, 1991, a public law was passed unanimously by congress and then signed by

Bush, proclaiming May 1991 and May 1992 as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month. By 1992, May was officially designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The month of May was chosen because it commemorates the migration of the first immigrants from Japan to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to celebrate the completion of the transcontinental railroad by over 20,000 Asian immigrants on May 10, 1869. However, the first Asian immigrants arrived in the U.S. in 1587 when Filipinos first began migrating to California. Immigrants continued to come from the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands through 1920 when the first Samoans were documented in Hawaii.

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///**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Falling Into place

TAGS: *Asian Pacific Islander, Lesbian, Queer South Asian, Queer Women, Romance, South Asian*

Romance is not for Tara. Embittered after a college fling, she vows to never fall in love again—especially since she believes there’s no future for same-sex love in her home in urban India. Then, one rain-drenched evening, an insane decision brings the bubbly Sameen into her life and everything changes

Surpassing Certainty: What My Twenties Taught Me

TAGS: *API, AAPI, Women of Color, Black Women*

Surpassing Certainty is a portrait of a young woman searching for her purpose and place in the world—without a road map to guide her. This memoir “should be required reading for your 20s” (Cosmopolitan).

///**LBGTQ+ Services May Programming**

MIT AAI & LBGTQ+ Services

For AAPI Heritage month AAI and LBGTQ+ Services are hosting a dinner discussion about LBGTQ+ Asian American Identity. Join us as we eat Bengali food, be in community, and engage in this topic.

Date: Monday, May 1st

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Lavender Graduation

Tis the graduation season. Join LBGTQ+ Services as we celebrate the countless contributions our LBGTQ+ MIT graduating students have made to the MIT community.

Date: Thursday, May 4th

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm EST

Location: Burton-Conner Porter Room

RSVP CLOSED

Embroidery Night

Come relax and de-stress before classes wrap up and make some beautiful crafts. Never done embroidery before? Well us too. Come and we will learn together!

Date: Tuesday, May 9th

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program Celebration

Celebrating the end of the year with mentors. Recap the memories made this past year while enjoying food

Date: Thursday, May 11th

Time: 5:30 pm- 7pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

///HAPPENING @ MIT: For All

Asian Craft Break

Join WXGS and AAI as we host an Asian Craft Break during AAPI Month

Date: Thursday, May 11th

Time: 12:00 pm -2:00 pm

Location: 3-308

DIY friendship bracelets

Take a study break, DIY friendship bracelets, and do fun coloring pages! A craft cart and tables will be set out with bracelet-making and coloring materials. Bring your friends and enjoy some self-care!

Date: Tuesday, May 16th

Time: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: 3-308

Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program

Interested in accelerating your career over your sophomore year? Taking a deep dive into crafting your resume and cover letter, practicing interview skills, and joining a large network of employees who are looking to hire students like you for a summer internship? Consider applying for the Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program! UPOP is a yearlong professional development program for sophomores across all fields. In UPOP, we focus on building the relevant and critical skills necessary for a career in industry, research, or academia. Our application is NOW OPEN! We have an early application deadline of May 26th. The application officially closes in September.

///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 everyone. 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.

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. - Office of 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)

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