



LBGTQ+ SERVICES



NOVEMBER 2023

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH THIS NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month is dedicated to celebrating the diverse culture, history, and traditions of the Native people. November was **officially declared** Native American Heritage Month in 1990 by former President George H. W. Bush.

Check out nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about.html to learn more. The website is a collaborative project of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and U.S. National Archives and Records Administration.

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Open Everyday via Tap Access 6 am - 2 am the following day

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LBGTQ+ Retreat Highlight!

This October we took students out to Ashland, MA for our annual LBGTQ+ Services Leadership Retreat.

Check out some of the staff and students who attended this year.



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UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: [HTTPS://LGBTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/](https://lgbtqmit.libib.com/)

NOVEMBER LBGQTQ+ BOOK RECS.

A TWO-SPIRIT JOURNEY: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A LESBIAN OJIBWA-CREE ELDER

TAGS: *Queer, Trans, Lesbian, Memoir, Native, Indigenous, Two-Spirit*

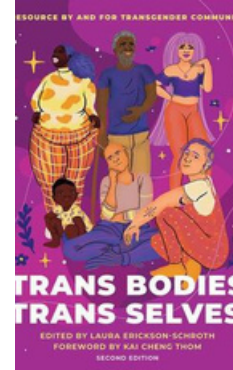
A Two-Spirit Journey is Ma-Nee Chacaby's extraordinary account of her life as an Ojibwa-Cree lesbian. From her early, often harrowing memories of life and abuse in a remote Ojibwa community riven by poverty and alcoholism, Chacaby's story is one of enduring and ultimately overcoming the social, economic, and health legacies of colonialism.



TRANS BODIES, TRANS SELVES

TAGS: *Education, Trans, Self-Care, Transgender, Non-binary, Gender nonconforming*

There is no one way to be transgender. Trans Bodies, Trans Selves is a revolutionary resource--a comprehensive, reader-friendly guide for transgender people, with each chapter written by transgender and gender expansive authors



LBGTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD

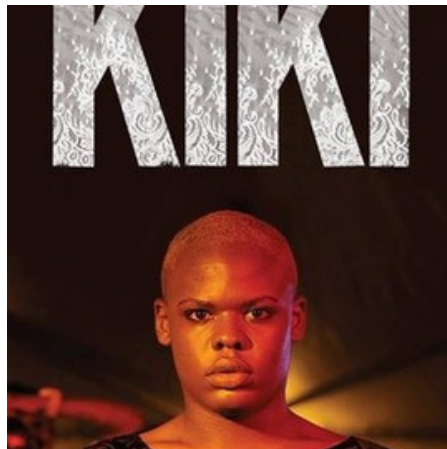


🌈 Join the Conversation! 🗣️
Calling all LGBTQ+ students! 🙌🏳️‍🌈
Have you ever wanted your voice to be heard? Come to our Advisory Board meeting and make a difference in the programming and services that matter most to you!
🌟🗣️ Now is your chance! 🗣️🌟

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

MOVIE NIGHT: KIKI



A captivating look into the daily lives of a group of LGBTQ youth who comprise the "Kiki" scene as they prepare for and perform at fierce and exuberant ballroom competitions in NYC

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Wednesday, November 8th
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Trailer:

EXISTING UNDER THE TRANS UMBRELLA AT MIT PANEL DISCUSSION



Panel discussion featuring MIT students, alumna, faculty & staff sharing their experiences navigating MIT's campus as trans-identifying individuals (e.g., transgender, agender, nonbinary, genderqueer, etc.).

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Tuesday, November 14th
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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CRAFT DAY: PAINTING DAY



🎨 Let your creative juices flow and join us at our drop craft table! 🌈🖌️ Whether you're an artistic pro or just looking to have some fun, we've got all the supplies you need to paint the day away. 🎉🌟 Don't miss out on this colorful experience! 🌟

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, November 17th

Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Join LGBTQ+ Services and ORSEL (Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life) this November 20th, as we honor the lives and memories of transgender individuals who have tragically lost their lives to acts of violence.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Monday, November 20th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: MIT Chapel W15

Livestream:

<https://tinyurl.com/MITTDoR2023>

SUSHI WITH SADE: DISCUSSING SUSHI ROLLS AND ACADEMIC GOALS



Join the UAC for “Sushi with Sade: Sushi Rolls and Academic Goals,” an event dedicated to connecting the FLI community to our new FLI Dean and the resources for your academic success.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, November 1st

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: Student Center

FLI AFFIRMATIONS



FLI give aways and sharing affirmations with/for the FLI community

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, November 7th

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: UAC Hub in 7-103

FLI COMMUNITY UROP PANEL AND DINNER: FLI GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONNECTIONS



Join your FLI@MIT (undergraduate) and gFLI (graduate) communities for a panel discussion and dinner about participating in UROP. Learn what UROP supervisors are looking for when hiring a UROP, how to maximize your experience.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, November 7th

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: W20 - 307

FOR ALL

COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR TRANS & NONBINARY STUDENTS IN THE CHENEY ROOM



Have a conversation with Nandini (She/Hers), Assistant Director for Women and Gender Services (WXGS) to build community in the Cheney Room for Trans and Nonbinary students! Open to Trans and nonbinary students. Snacks, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available.

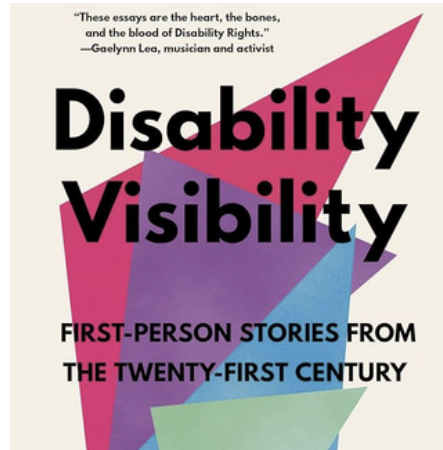
WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, November 9th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Cheney Room Lounge Suite 3-308a

DISABILITY VISIBILITY: CAN YOU SEE US NOW?



Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century provides a glimpse into the rich complexity of the disabled experience and highlights the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Room 3-270 and online

RSVP Required:

tinyurl.com/MITReads-registration

SEX OLYMPICS!



Save the date for an event with WXGS and VPR! Sex Olympics is a fun way to learn about safe sex, consent, sexual and reproductive health information through games. WXGS and VPR are partnering to run multiple games and resource tables for you to win and grab free sex toys, contraceptives, candy, and other prizes! Open to all at MIT.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, December 1st

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Location: The Wellbeing Lab

FLI DAY OF VISIBILITY CELEBRATION



Join us for the official day of Celebration in Lobby 10 between 11am-2pm. Food, resources and headshots of FLI community members for “Faces of FLI” campaign!

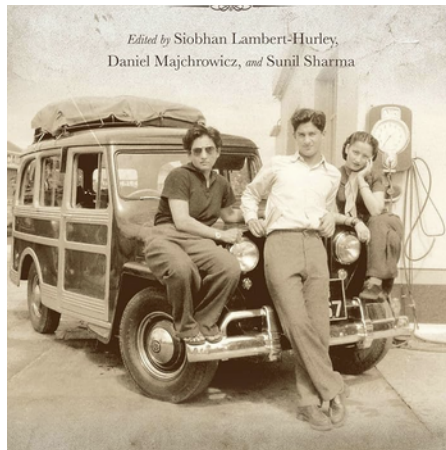
WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, November 8th

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Lobby 10

REORIENTING THE GLOBAL: MUSLIM WOMEN, TRAVEL WRITING & ALIMENTARY IDENTITIES



Please join us to learn more about the wide range of individuals, from queens and reformers to pilgrims and converts, who traversed the globe from the 17th to the mid-20th century.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, November 8th

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: Room 3-133

MOVE YOUR BODY WORKSHOP 2



Join Women and Gender Services (WXGS) and MIT Recreation in a FREE group exercise class for all women and nonbinary students! The class will be hosted by Nichell Latimore (she/hers), a full-time certified MIT personal trainer. Take a study break and enjoy a fun group exercise class with friends.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, November 29th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Dupont Varsity Weight Room

Free Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/MITRec-register>

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 every one. 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
- **BWA**: Black Women's Alliance
- **SSAW**: Student Support and Wellbeing
- **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.** - Intercultural Engagement
- **SPXCE** - Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement
- **RL**: Rainbow Lounge
- **WXGS**: Women and Gender Services
- **FLI**: First generation and/or low income



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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