

LBGTQ+ Services

October 2023

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NEWSLETTER

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///WELCOME

LBGTQ+ History Month

LBGTQ+ History Month was created in 1994 by Rodney Wilson, a high school history teacher in Missouri. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LBGTQ+ History Month within a list of commemorative months. October was selected to coincide with National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11), which was already established, and the anniversary of the first march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights in 1979. This month provides an opportunity for the campus community to learn more about and celebrate the history, culture and contributions of the LBGTQ+ community through a host of educational events, social events and discussions happening at LBGTQ+ Services and in the Boston/Cambridge area.

LBGTQ+ Services

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

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

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Student Spotlight

TransMIT

This past month TransMIT had its first meeting. They are a student group for trans, nonbinary, and gender questioning students. If you are interested in joining this new group please email TransMit-Exec@Mit.edu

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Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Black Boy Out Of Time

TAGS: *Memior, Black, African American, Muslim, Queer, Queer Men*

An eloquent, restless, and enlightening memoir by one of the most thought-provoking journalists today about growing up Black and queer in America, reuniting with the past, and coming of age their own way

Before We Were Trans

TAGS: *History, Trans, Trans History, Transgender History*

Before We Were Trans illuminates the stories of people across the globe, from antiquity to the present. Blending historical analysis with sharp cultural criticism, trans historian and activist Kit Heyam offers a new, radically inclusive trans history,

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

National Coming Out Day

Location: MIT Open Space

Date: Wed, October 11th

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join MIT LBGTQ+ Services in celebrating authenticity, unity, and love on National Coming Out Day! Enjoy an afternoon filled with mouthwatering food from local food trucks, playful games, and a welcoming community that embraces and supports you just the way you are.

Speaking our Truth: Power and Consent in Relationships

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Date: Wednesday, October 11th

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

RSVP: tinyurl.com/SpeakTruthtoPower2023

This workshop is for participants interested in exploring and navigating the complex power dynamics that arise within familial and romantic relationships.

Latinx Game Night

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Date: Monday, October 23rd

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge and play some games from mario kart on the Wii to board games we have in the Rainbow Lounge. Be in community and enjoy some fun!

My culture is not your Costume

Date: Thursday, October 26th

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Join us for an educational workshop on understanding the difference between cultural appreciation vs appropriation.

Coming Out to Who? A discussion

Date: Monday, October 30th

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Coming out can be a rollercoaster filled with emotions. Join us for a conversation on coming out as we share stories and tips with one another.

Spooky Crafts Day with Movie

Date: Tuesday, October 31st

Time: 4:00-5:00pm Location:

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Spooky crafts and a movie! Join us as we paint (fake) Pumpkins and eat candy.

///@MIT FOR ALL****

Move Your Body!

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 friend

Date: Wed, Oct 4th

Time: 12 - 1 pm

Location: Dupont Varsity Weight Room

Free Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/5n96n89s>

Centering the Margins: Fight for Reproductive Justice and Body Sovereignty

With panelists Payal Kumar, Dr. Amutah-Onukagha, Rachel Lorenzo of Indigenous Women Rising, and Dr. Rebekah Vilorio - Please join us for a panel that will analyze our current political state, the work advocates and researchers have done and the future for justice movements in the fight for reproductive justice.

Date: Wed, Oct 18th

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Cheney Room 3-308

Sex Doesn't Have to be Scary: Spooky Sex Trivia

Join Women and Gender Services (WXGS) for Spooky Sex Trivia, open to all women and gender-diverse students!!

Date: Friday, Oct 20th

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

Bringing Classical Music into the Modern Age Part 1

Join WXGS, Handel + Haydn Society's Susanna Ogata, and MIT MTA's Dr. Teresa Neff as we delve into women's history and the impact in classical music

Date: Wed, Oct 25th

Time: 12 - 1 pm

Location: Cheney room 3-308

Free Lunch

Bringing Classical Music into the Modern Age Part 2

*WXGS is partnering with H+H to give 40 free tickets to Handel + Hayden Society's **Luks Leads Beethoven on Friday, October 27th, 7:30pm**[This link opens in a new window](#)*

Date: Friday Oct 27th

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Symphony Hall

Ticket sign-up form:

forms.gle/ixj1ost6KmzdS9B1A[This link opens in a new window](#)

MC^2 Conference

Hosted by Intercultural Engagement, the mission of the Multicultural Conference (MC^2) is to bring students together across race, ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality, socioeconomic status, ability, sexual orientation, and other aspects of identity.

REGISTER TODAY:

<https://forms.gle/MD1XAFzbyfATdMQd7>

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Queer Art Social in Chinatown with The Queer Neighborhood Council

Meet other queer and ally community members while checking out a gallery show featuring work by queer digital artist pretty coolstrangers (Matt, he/they) in their first offline art exhibition

Date: Monday, October 16th

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location: Blue Triangle Gallery tinyurl.com/454ztedx

SCARY STRONG - A Queer Powerlifting Workshop and Fundraiser

Join us for an exhilarating day of powerlifting, community building, and fundraising at SCARY STRONG - A Queer Powerlifting Workshop and Fundraiser! Get ready to unleash your inner strength and embrace your queerness

Date: Sunday, October 22nd

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: 50 Tufts Street, Somerville

tinyurl.com/28fpekwa

Holding Space to Heal: Black Queer and Trans Care Practices for a New World

Embodying Abolition: Healing Justice, Black Feminism and the End of Carcerality, Dr. Wright will discuss a portion of their research for the project that investigated how Black queer and trans healing justice facilitators in Minneapolis "held space" to care for Black people, to address generational traumas, and to strategize pathways to radical social change

Date: Wed, October 25th

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Renaissance Park

tinyurl.com/4ezz4u9t

Out in Tech Boston | We're Here, Tech's Queer!

Join John Hancock, Out in Tech Boston, and Out in Tech's over-40 chapter for a social and a talk with Joan Ilacqua, the Executive Director of The History Project as we delve into the stories of LGBTQ+ people who brought their authentic selves to the tech world in Boston.

Date: Wed, Oct 18th

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: 200 Berkeley Street Boston

tinyurl.com/ykpndjdx

///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
- RL: Rainbow Lounge WXGS: Women and Gender Services

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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