

LGBTQ+ SERVICES



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to returning folx and welcome to new folx. We are so excited to have you here at MIT! There are so many new and exciting things happening this year with LBGTQ+ Services and we hope to see you in the Rainbow Lounge, at our events, and across the institute.

If you have not been in our space since the end of spring semester, you should check out all the new cool things added such as art and furniture! We hope you like all the changes as much as we do.

WELCOME

RAINBOW LOUNGE HOURS

Open Everyday via Tap Access

6 am - 2 am the following day

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ben Lewis (pictured on the right)

MIT '24 Master of Science in Technology and Public Policy

Ben Lewis part of End Overdose Boston.

End Overdose Boston is a drug harm reduction nonprofit organization that aims to reduce drug overdose deaths through naloxone training and resources distribution. Naloxone is an intranasal spray that reverses an overdose when administered. Given that drug overdosing is the leading cause of death in the U.S. for adults aged 18-45, naloxone is an extremely vital technology that has the potential to save countless lives. We also provide fentanyl testing strips and xylazine testing strips for community members to test their substances before consumption. They provide all services and supplies for free to anyone in the greater Boston community willing to accept them.



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UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

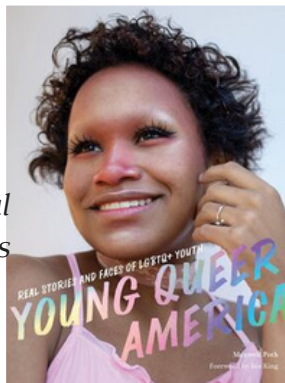
CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: [HTTPS://LGBTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/](https://lgbtqmit.libib.com/)

MONTH LBGQTQ+ BOOK RECS.

YOUNG QUEER AMERICA

TAGS: Latinx, LBGTQ, Non-binary, Queer, Visual Book, Youth, Black

Get to know real queer kids from all over the country--these inspiring stories of LBGTQ+ youth, written in their own words, provide crucial snapshots of what it's really like to grow up trans or queer in America.



RIGHT WHERE I LEFT YOU

TAGS: Romane, Queer Men, Queer, YA Fiction, Black, LBGTQ+

“Smart, swoony, and pitch-perfect, *Right Where I Left You* is ideal for every reader who’s just as likely to geek out over a new issue of *Superman: Son of Kal-El* as they are the quintessential meet-cute.”—LEAH JOHNSON



RAINBOW LOUNGE OPEN HOUSE



Hey MIT students, faculty, and staff! We invite you to come to our Rainbow Lounge Open House and be a part of something special. Whether you're just looking to meet new people or to deepen your current relationships, this is the perfect opportunity to do so!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Thursday, Sept 14th
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

QTPOC MINDFULNESS



Don't miss out on the opportunity to come to the Rainbow Lounge and learn some valuable tips and tools on how to practice mindfulness while doing some fun crafts! Stop by today and start your journey with this practice

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Tuesday, Sept 19th
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

BI-VISIBILITY DAY CELEBRATION



Have we all been visible enough this #BisexualVisibilityWeek? Celebrate the special #BiVisibilityDay at the Rainbow Lounge! Play games, take buttons, and stickers and make unforgettable memories with your friends. #LetsCelebrateVisibility

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Friday, Sept 22nd
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE



Calling all alumni! Join us for an extraordinary open house at the vibrant Rainbow Lounge! Come reconnect with old friends, and immerse yourself in a world of LBGTQ+ support services, and endless opportunities.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, Sept 29th
Time: 4:00-5:00pm Location:
Rainbow Lounge 50-250

RAINBOW COMPASS MENTORSHIP



The LBGTQ+ Mentorship program aims to create a structured and trusting relationship between pairs of graduate and undergraduate LBGTQ+ MIT students (mentees) together with caring LBGTQ+ faculty/staff/alumnx (mentors).

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Sign Up by Sept. 22nd
tinyurl.com/RainbowCompass2023

LBGTQ+ LEADERSHIP RETREAT



This retreat is a great chance to learn from one another through various social justice workshops, community build, network, foster a sense of belonging, develop advocacy skills, and focus on well-being. The LBGTQ+ Leadership Retreat is free! Limited Space

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Sign up by Sept 24th
tinyurl.com/LBGTQRetreat

LGBTQ+ GRAD WELCOME



Graduate Students are welcome to stop by the Rainbow Lounge and connect with other LGBTQ+ Graduate students. Make connections!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wed, September 5th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

WXGS OPEN HOUSE



Join us at the Cheney Room to welcome you all to campus and the space. Meet the staff that run Women and Gender Services. Open to all at MIT!

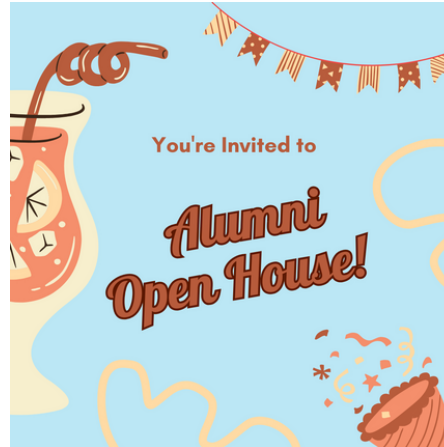
WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, September 12th

Time: 4:30-5:45pm

Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE



Welcome back to campus, Alumni! Stop by the Cheney Room and check out the newly renovated and beautiful space. We look forward to seeing you soon!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, Sept 29th

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

CheneyRoom (3-308)

BWA X WXGS PHOTO EVENT



Meet members of the Black Women's Alliance (BWA) and WXGS staff, while getting your professional headshot picture taken!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, Sept 19th

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

HAPPING FOR ALL

I.E. OPEN HOUSE



Kick off another school year with us! Join us for some i.e. Open House Tie-Dye fun. Learn about upcoming i.e. events, leadership opportunities, MIT cultural groups & organizations, resources and more! Bring a friend or two & enjoy FREE delicious food. branded shirts, white socks and more (while supplies last)!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, Sept 15th

Time: 5 - 7:00

Location: W 31 - 110

RSVP: tinyurl.com/IEOpenHouse2023

STUDENT-LED DEI WORKSHOPS BOOKINGS



Interested in booking a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) workshop for your student organization or group? Check out the current offerings of [peer-created workshops](#)

AAPI MEET AND GREET



Come to an open house meet and greet to get to know the new AAPI graduate assistant, Emma Martin! Ask questions, rant, talk about your org or whatever you want!! It's an open space! Snacks and lunch-esque types of foods will be provided during this event.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, Sept 13th

Time: 11 am - 1:00 pm

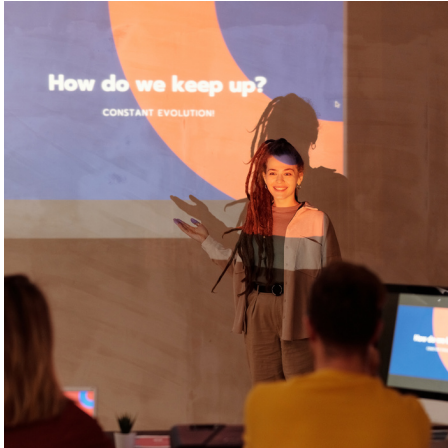
Location: W31 - 110

RSVP:

engage.mit.edu/OMP/rsvp_boot?id=914060

HAPPING FOR ALL

CALL FOR MC^2 PRESENTERS



Open to all MIT grads and undergrads. Attendees will receive FREE registration, transportation, lodging and food (available for MIT students only). [Register](#) today - spots are limited! Registration closes on October 27th. Interested in presenting at the 2023 MC^2 Conference? Submit a [Presenter RSVP](#) by Friday, October 6th.

BACK TO BASICS CLINIC: FITNESS CLASSES



MIT Recreation is offering strength classes for all women and gender non-conforming students! Learn how to squat, deadlift, do an overhead press, and bench press. All skill levels are welcome.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Monday, Sept 11th

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

RSVP: tinyurl.com/Back-to-Basics-Strength

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



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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