

LBGTQ+ Services

September 2023

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NEWSLETTER

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///WELCOME

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.

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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Meet the Team

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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.

///Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September LBGTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ 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

///**LGBTQ+ Services Signature Programming**

Rainbow Lounge Open House

Date: *Thursday, September 14th*

Time: *Time: 4:30 - 5:30 EST*

Location: *Rainbow Lounge 50-260*

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!

QTPoC Mindfulness

Date: Tuesday, Sept 19th

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

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

Bi-visibility Day Celebration

Date: *Friday, September 22nd*

Time: *4:30 - 5:30 PM EST*

Location: *Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*

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

Alumni Open House

Date: Friday, September 29th

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

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 LGBTQ+ support services, and endless opportunities..

Rainbow Compass Mentorship

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

Sign Up by Sept. 22nd

tinyurl.com/RainbowCompass2023

LGBTQ+ Leadership Retreat

Sign up by Sept 24th

tinyurl.com/LGBTQRetreat

This retreat is a great chance to learn from one another through various social justice workshops, community building activities, networking, with a goal to foster a sense of belonging, develop advocacy skills, and focus on well-being. The LGBTQ+ Leadership Retreat is free! Limited Space. APPLY NOW

///Graduate Students

LGBTQ+ Grad Welcome

Date: Wed, September 5th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

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

///@MIT FOR ALL****

WXGS Open House

Date: Tuesday, September 12th

Time: 4:30-5:45pm

Location: Cheney Room (3-308)

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!

Alumni Open House

Date: Friday, September 29th

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Cheney room 3-308

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BWA x WXGS PHoto Event

Date: Tuesday, Sept 19th

Time: 4:00-6:00pm Location:

Cheney Room (3-308)

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

I.E. Open House

Date: Friday, Sept 15th

Time: 5 - 7:00

Location: W 31 - 110

RSVP: tinyurl.com/IEOpenHouse2023

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)!

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

Date: Tuesday, Sept 13th

Time: 11 am - 1:00 pm

Location: W31 - 110

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

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.

Call for Mc² Presenters

***Deadline: Friday, April 29th
11:59 pm***

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 MC² Conference? [Submit a Presenter RSVP](#) by Friday, October 6th.

Back to Basics Clinic: Fitness Classes

Date: Monday, Sept 11th

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

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

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.

///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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