

# **LBGTQ+ Services**

## **April LBGTQ+**

### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **///WELCOME**

### **A Letter from Dean Canty**

MIT Scholars,

I hope this greeting finds you well, safe and comfortable! As we charter new and unprecedented territory with the Covid 19 virus, know that the Intercultural Engagement team is here to provide you with support, guidance and opportunities to connect with others.

Our team is working hard to create a virtual presence that allows you to find community, learn about available resources, discuss hot topics and interact with your peers.

Please visit LBGTQ+ Services and the Office of Multicultural Programs (OMP) for more information on virtual events and offerings! Please check back for updates.

We will continue to be here for you during these challenging times.

Warmly,

La-Tarri Canty

Associate Dean of Intercultural Engagement/Director of the SPXCE Intercultural Center

## **SPXCE Hours**

Find us online: <https://www.facebook.com/OMPMIT/> and

<https://studentlife.mit.edu/omp/omp-digital-catalogue>

## **Rainbow Lounge Hours**

Find us online: <https://lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content>

## **Trans Day Of Visibility**

International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is an annual event occurring on March 31 dedicated to celebrating trans, non-binary, genderqueer, genderfluid, agender and more gender diverse people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by trans people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Although it's past, you can still check out our social media accounts, and on our website here: <https://lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content> to see words from community members, games, puzzles, book recommendations, and more.

## **Kellett '47 Award**

Nominate someone for the Kellett Award.

The John S. W. Kellett '47 Award recognizes any MIT individual or group for an exceptional and/or sustained commitment to creating a more welcoming environment at MIT, including but not limited to, improving the experience of lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender (LBGT), and questioning individuals. The award honors Mr. Kellett, whose spirited support has enabled significant improvements in the lives of members of MIT's LBGT community.

Have someone you think would be great to nominate? Submit your nominations and learn more about the award by going to the website here:

<https://awards.mit.edu/awards/john-s-w-kellett-47-award>

## **///**LBGTQ+ Services Recurring Programming****

### **Lazos: A Place at the Table for TQPOC and Allies of Color**

<https://mit.zoom.us/s/181439077>

**Wednesday, April 15**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM EST**

“Lazo” is one of several Spanish language terms for “bow”, referencing the latter half of “rainbow” as well as the identities and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Have you ever felt like you weren’t “----- enough”? Or like you were “too -----” around people of your same sexual orientation? Have you thought that your experiences felt different than people of other genders? Come kick it with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color who work to bring an open-minded, caring, and respectful sense of community to MIT. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Web Fam Fridays**

<https://mit.zoom.us/s/362449929>

**Friday, April 3**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM EST**

#### **What are WFF?**

Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen every Friday. It might be a movie, a game, a chat space, and more!

This Friday is a movie night to view Love, Simon [Drama/Comedy].

See page 7 for full April schedule.

## **T-Time**

**We're still working on dates and times for April.**

T-Time is a space for anyone under the gender diverse umbrella as a space for people to hang out, chat, and build community.

This student centered group meets every other week. Interested in learning more?

Email: [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)

## **///Follow Us on Social Media**

Facebook: [@rainbowloungemit](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowloungemit)

Twitter: [@lbgtmit](https://twitter.com/lbgtmit)

Instagram: [@rainbow lounge mit](https://www.instagram.com/rainbow_lounge_mit)

## **///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **April LBGTQ+ Book Recs.**

Find these books and more in our library: <https://lbgtqmit.libib.com/>

#### **They/Them/Their by Eris Young**

TAGS: Fiction, Trans, Latinx, Fantasy

Miel and Sam are best friends. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees. But even they stay away from the Bonner girls, four sisters rumored to be witches.

#### **When the Moon was Ours by Anna-Marie Mclemore**

TAGS: Non-Binary, Trans, Gender Nonconforming, Guide

Drawing on the author's own experiences as a nonbinary person, as well as interviews and research, this book shares common experiences and challenges faced by those who are nonbinary.

## ///**@MIT FOR ALL**

### **Rainbow Lounge Birthday Party (Virtual)**

**Our social media accounts**

**Monday, April 6**

**All Day**

The Rainbow Lounge is turning 2 and you know what that means? TWO BIRTHDAYS!  
See our shoutout on Monday.

Facebook: [@rainbowloungemit](#)

Twitter: [@lbgtmit](#)

Instagram: [@rainbow\\_lounge\\_mit](#)

### **Rainbow Lounge Birthday Bash (Event)**

**Location: [lbgtq.mit.edu](#)**

**Monday, April 13th**

**Starts 12 PM EST**

It's our birthday celebration two: electric boog-a-loo. And it'll be a mystery theme.  
Check our social media pages all week for the lead up to the surprise event. Are you  
ready to go on an adventure? [Y] [N]

We hope you're ready to celebrate!

### **LBGTQ+ Discord**

<https://discord.gg/2JjMGGn>

There's a LBGTQ+ student created discord. Follow this link below to learn more about  
how you can participate in building queer community in a virtual world.

## **Let's Make SPXCE**

<https://studentlife.mit.edu/omp/omp-digital-catalogue>

**Every Wednesday**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST**

SPXCE will host weekly virtual thematic gatherings with the MIT community that continue to increase our shared knowledge through conversation & discourse. Students will have an opportunity to #ShareSPXCE with their peers & SPXCE staff to discuss a different topic each week.

## **Web Fam Fridays (WFF) Full Schedule**

**Link:** <https://lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content>

April 3: 7-9 PM EST

April 10: 4-5 PM EST

April 17: 7-9 PM EST

April 24: 4-5 PM EST

7-9 PM EST are movie nights.

4-5 PM EST are game late afternoons.

WFF alternates times in an effort to have events where multiple people can participate. Please check our website for the individual zoom links for each event.

## **Lesbian Day of Visibility**

<https://lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content>

**Tuesday, April 28th**

**All Day**

A day to showcase womxn-loving-womxn and those who identify within the community. LBGTQ+ Services is partnering with the Cheney Room at MIT. The Cheney Room supports (but is not limited to) self-identified women, transgender women, and non-binary individuals.

## **Career Paths While Being LGBTQ+**

**Tuesday, April 28th**

**5:00 - 6:00 PM EST**

In this webcast produced by the MIT Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumni/Alumnae Association (BGLATA), alumni/alumnx experts in their fields will share their journeys navigating the workforce and career choices after MIT. Topics will range from finding a supportive work environment, choosing how “out” to be, interviewing while being your authentic self, and other challenges concerning one's identity and careers.

To register and get further details go to: <https://tinyurl.com/BGLATA2020>

## **LGBTQ+ Advisor Cody Sanders**

Rev. Cody Sanders counts it a privilege to help cultivate communities of affirmation where the religious, spiritual, and ethical lives of LGBTQ people can thrive and flourish.

If you're looking for support or finding online resources with your intersecting identities then Cody Sanders is available via email and phone at [revcody@mit.edu](mailto:revcody@mit.edu) and **617-864-9275 x201**.

## **How to Freak Out (Skillfully), And Other Pandemic Survival Skills**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/953792615>

**Mondays**

**5:00-6:00 PM EST**

Join us for informal, online chats about managing emotions and other challenges of this new reality, with strategies to survive and thrive.

Programs can be found here: <http://studentlife.mit.edu/rl/events>

## **Web Fam Fridays Movie Night: Signature Move**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/197562939>

**Friday, April 17**

**7:00-9:00 PM EST**

In this WFF Movie Night we will be screening the movie Signature Move. This movie is about a Muslim lesbian from Chicago cares for her TV-obsessed mother and falls in love with a wrestler. We are collaborating with OMP and AA/PI (Asian American & Pacific Islander)!

## **Interconnections Virtual Show & Tell**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/557567825>

**Thursday, April 23**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST**

Join us in an evening of building community through cultural appreciation, storytelling, music, & art. This is a collaboration with LBGTQ+ Services and OMP!

Sign up link to perform & share: <https://tinyurl.com/vezhymn>

## **LBGTQ+ A/PI Virtual Panel**

<https://mit.zoom.us/s/776437048>

**Friday, May 1**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM EST**

Join SPXCE and LBGTQ+ Services in a panel centering Asian and Pacific Islander LBGTQ+ identities at MIT, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! This webinar will be recorded through Zoom.

## **Web Fam Fridays Trivia Night**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/741337926>

**Friday, April 10**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST**

In this WFF Game Night we will be playing Kahoot! There will be random trivia and LBGQTQ+ specific themes. You will need a computer and mobile device to participate.

Kahoot Link: <https://kahoot.it/>

Game PIN will be given the day of event

## **Social Media Challenge**

**Weekly on Wednesdays starting April 1**

**Daily**

**OMP and LBGQTQ+ Services Social Media Accounts**

Join LBGQTQ+ Services and OMP in a variety of social media weekly challenges!  
Participate & you could win a prize through a raffle!

### **Challenges:**

April 2nd - #ShowYourSpxce - show off your crib

April 8th - #ShareYourFavorite MemoryOfSPXCE&LBGQTQ+ Services

April 15 - Tiktok x Instagram Challenge

April 22 - #ShowMITPride

April 29 - To be determined

### **More details on how to participate**

Follow OMP on their social media platforms to participate! Stay tuned for more details!

Instagram - [omp.mit](https://www.instagram.com/omp.mit)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/OMPMIT/>

## **Black LBGQTQ+ Movie Screening & Discussion**

<https://mit.zoom.us/j/760149245>

**Friday, May 1**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST**

We will be screening a movie or show that demonstrates visibility of Black LGBTQ+ identities. Afterward, we will make space for a virtual discussion and reflection of the screening. This is a collaboration between OMP and LGBTQ+ Services. A poll will be sent out to vote for a movie or show.

## **How Can I Help? Engaging Your Local Community**

**Location: TBD**

**Thursday, April 9**

**2:00 PM EST**

Join the PKG Center as we share ideas and resources to support our local communities around the country/world, and help efforts to combat the impacts of COVID-19. Together, with community-informed perspectives, we can support our neighbors and each other. RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/vkalrnq>

## **SPXCE Virtual CPW**

**Location: TBD**

**Friday, April 17**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM EST**

SPXCE (Office of Multicultural Programs and LGBTQ+ Services) is holding a virtual CPW hangout and information session for pre-frosh and current students. Games, fun, and more from 6-7 PM EST and then a movie afterwards from 7-9 PM EST.

## **///@MIT FOR GRADS**

### **Grad Resources Page**

You talked and we listened! In April there was a graduate meeting to talk about hopes, needs, and support specifically focused on graduate students. Find out more about the

page by going to our "Stay Connected" tab under the "Graduate Student Opportunities" section.

The website is: <https://lgbtq.mit.edu/stay-connected/graduate-student-resources>

LGBTQ+ Services will also include a grad specific section for students to advertise grad programs in the newsletter. Email [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) if you would like your event advertised in a future newsletter.

## First Mondays Grad Hangout

### **Postponed until Fall 2020 semester.**

Please join MIT Graduate and Post-Doc LGBTQ+ community members in an evening good food and fun games!

Meet new friends and colleagues!

## **///LGBTQ+ SERVICES UPDATES**

### **Chosen/Preferred Names on Diplomas**

MIT's current policy is that students must show documentation of a legal name change to have their chosen/preferred name on their diploma. Or, students can email registrar to have their chosen/preferred name read out loud but their legal name must be on their diploma.

LGBTQ+ Services is working to hopefully change that so students can have their chosen/preferred name on their diploma without a legal name change. Email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) for info.

### **Provincetown, MA Retreat 2020**

LGBTQ+ Services is already planning the 18th annual Provincetown Retreat for 2020. The date will be October 2nd - 4th. The planning committee meetings start every Wednesday, in June from 4-5pm EST.

This is an annual event for LGBTQ+ students (undergrad and grad/post-doc) to build community with each other as well as faculty and staff.

Learn more about it on the website here: <https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs/annual>

## **LGBTQ+ Education**

There will be two LGBTQ+ Services educational trainings per semester open to faculty and staff who want to learn more about supporting LGBTQ+ populations. All participants will receive the new YAWH trained cards. Check the SPXCE website for sign-ups.

Students interested in LGBTQ+ education can fill out a workshop/training application form on the LGBTQ+ website here: <https://lgbtq.mit.edu/resources>

## **Gender Inclusive Bathrooms Committee**

If you're interested in being a part of the revamped gender inclusive bathrooms committee for MIT then please email Lauryn McNair, [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) for interest and information.

The committee will be looking for students (undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty and staff.

The first meeting will be scheduled in April based off the availability of members.

## **Online Queer Communities**

Are you building LGBTQ+ virtual communities? Putting together movie nights? Hosting hangouts? Creating chat rooms?

Let LGBTQ+ Services know. We can put it in our emails out to students and advertise it in the newsletter.

We're always looking for ways to support you, so don't hesitate to reach out to:  
[lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)

## **Creative Talent Wanted for Musical Event**

LBGTQ+ Services is looking for people (students, staff, faculty, YOU) who like to sing, dance, play music, show off your sick beats.

We're putting together a casual, community music show via Zoom. Either send in a pre-recorded video (2-3 mins) or do it live on April 13th, time TBD.

Email Lauryn for more information: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)

## **///**BEYOND MIT: USA****

### **Moving at the Speed of Trust**

<https://tinyurl.com/vu5hhqx>

**Friday, April 10th**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM EST**

A conversation with Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha (writer of Dirty River) and Elliott Fukui on the intersections of disability justice and transformative justice. This is organized by Barnard Center for Research on Women. To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/vu5hhqx>

### **#Queer Archives at Home**

Due to social distancing, we want to invite you to share your history at home. To continue the mission of The History Project to preserve, protect, and share LGBTQ history during this unprecedented moment, we are launching a new project called #QueerArchivesAtHome to crowdsource pictures, videos, and stories.

To participate fill out form: <https://tinyurl.com/swbs5yl>

Send submission to: [thehistoryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thehistoryproject@gmail.com)

## **Queerantime Porch Photo Series**

**Boston, MA**

[www.allyschmaling.com](http://www.allyschmaling.com)

Queer photographer Ally Schmaling (they/them) is organizing an experimental photo series documenting queer and trans communities in Boston during the COVID-19 crisis. They will be on the sidewalk at least 10 feet away from you to practice social distancing. Grab your dog, loved ones, bedroom slippers, or dress in drag!

For more details and to participate email - [hello@allyschmaling.com](mailto:hello@allyschmaling.com)

## **The American Repertory Theater**

We invite you to join us as we revisit moments from A.R.T.'s past that brought us together in community and recall the power and magic of theater. To celebrate the collective genius of our A.R.T. community we are digging into our archive to revisit some of the extraordinary theatrical moments we've experienced together.

To check it out: <https://tinyurl.com/vq3ksms>

## **The Wisdom of Disability Justice**

<https://tinyurl.com/r5bworw>

**Friday, April 10th**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

JOIN for Justice, the Jewish Organizing Institute and Network, is proud to provide this opportunity to hear stories and insights from disability justice organizers. Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha (writer of Dirty River), Lydia X.Z Brown, & Patricia Berne will be panelists.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/r5bworw>

## **Rolling with Advantages**

**Every Monday in April**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM EST**

Want to be a warrior? A cunning rogue? A powerful sorcerer? Join Boston GLASS's table and tell a story together through roleplaying and gameplay through Dungeons and Dragons, a group for LGBTQ+ Youth of Color (ages 13-25). The group meets on Roll20, a virtual tabletop app. All experience levels are welcome, from beginners to veteran players!

Interested in joining? Email - [mbailey@jri.org](mailto:mbailey@jri.org)

## **Massachusetts LGBTQIA Resources During COVID-19**

A Google doc with LGBTQ+ Resources for Youth (ages 25 and under) in Massachusetts.

Google Doc:

<https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQ-covid-resources>

To add to resources, email - [commission@ma-lgbtq.org](mailto:commission@ma-lgbtq.org)

## **Building Emotional Resilience**

[bit.ly/472ober](https://bit.ly/472ober)

**Tuesday, April 7th**

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM EST**

In moments of great change (transitions) we find ourselves using our personal and collective emotional capacity to adapt to the new conditions we are facing. This webinar organized by the Ayni Institute is intended to provide introductory support to build stronger emotional resiliency.

## **Parivar bay area Virtual Hangout**

<https://zoom.us/j/655741050>

**Tuesday, April 7th**

**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM EST**

Holding a weekly Zoom virtual casual hangout space during this COVID isolation. As with Parivar's mission, this is an affinity space meant for South Asian Trans and Queer GNB LGB Folx and their loved ones. Open to all US/Canada, just respect the community agreements. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/655741050>  
Meeting ID: 655 741 050

## **Non-Binary Voice Research Study**

The Voice and Swallowing Lab at Ithaca College is recruiting individuals who identify as non-binary to participate in an anonymous online survey to examine characteristics, trends, needs of non-binary individuals in relation to voice characteristics, and what roles Speech-Language Pathologists play in a person's transition.

For more info email Alana Zendano - [azendano@ithaca.edu](mailto:azendano@ithaca.edu) or Dr. Carly Jo Hosbach-Cannon [chosbachcannon@ithaca.edu](mailto:chosbachcannon@ithaca.edu)

## **Them. Magazine**

<https://www.them.us/>

Them. is an online LGBT magazine. Check out their website for a multitude of queer resources for the quarantine such as: How to Livestream Your Drag Online, LGBTQ+ movies to stream, Strategies for Quarantining in Non-LGBTQ+ Affirming Environment, a List of LGBTQ+ Video games, and more!

## **Movie Night - Queer South Asian Collective**

Zoom link will be released on their facebook page the day of the event!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/526127934759100/>

Saturday, April 4

7:00 PM

Join Greater Boston QSAC for a movie virtual movie night. They will be screening Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan.

## **///**BEYOND MIT: GLOBAL****

### **Virtual Art Museum Tours**

Looking for an escape into the arts? Several museums from JP Getty Museum, Los Angeles to Musée d'Orsay, Paris are offering virtual tours of their museums. Check out these 10 recommended ones around the world from The Guardian's website here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2020museumtours>

### **Free E-Books**

Haymarket Books is giving away free E-Books. Their mission is to publish books for changing the world. Now more than ever, the need to do just that is at the forefront of our minds. We all deserve to live in a world where we are each cared for, nourished, and sheltered.

You can find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/FreeHaymarketBooks>

## **Queer South Asian Resources**

Check out Queering Desi for a collection of resources with queer and trans south asian community in mind, including some virtual hangout spaces and podcasts.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/wcyx773>

## **Virtual Queer Trivia Night**

<https://tinyurl.com/rszwkkd>

**Thursday, April 16th**

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM UTC**

Think you know everything? Put it to good use at Prout's next VIRTUAL Queer Trivia Night hosted by our residential quizmasters, The Katong Queers! Just for this edition, we are hosting it online for everyone to join us in a time of COVID-19! Use WhatsApp +65 92987139 the name of your team, number of pax (4 to 6 per group). More info:

<https://tinyurl.com/rszwkkd>

## **Virtual Pride Event**

Google brings global Pride parades to LGBTQ communities around the world through Cardboard and 360° video technology.

Be who you are, love who you love.

#PrideForEveryone

<https://archive.google.com/prideforeveryone/>

## **Asian American Feminist Antibodies (Care in the Time of Coronavirus)**

This online zine created by Asian American Feminist Collective in collaboration with Bluestockings NYC brings together first-hand accounts and analyses from our

communities, including health and service workers and caregivers on the frontlines, students, people living with chronic illness, journalists, and organizers.

<https://tinyurl.com/wsbuzkj>

## **You Are Welcome Here**

The SPXCE Intercultural Center  
W31-110 (duPont Athletic Center)

MIT Rainbow Lounge  
Walker Memorial 2nd Floor (50-250)

[Spxce.mit.edu](https://spxce.mit.edu)

[Lbgtq.mit.edu](https://lbgtq.mit.edu)

[Trans.mit.edu](https://trans.mit.edu)