



LGBTQ+ SERVICES

DECEMBER 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ICE, ICE BABY

All right stop. Collaborate and listen. LBGTQ+'s got a brand new mission. And that mission is telling you all about the fun and interesting things happening in December.

We hope you all stay warm and cozy despite the snowy conditions. There's finals and then holidays happening, but before then we have a couple programs and events for you to chill with friends and have good food in your communities.

Also just to let you all know, the **RAINBOW LOUNGE WILL HAVE LIMITED HOURS** during the week of finals. And it'll close December 21st - January 3rd.



SPXCE HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 10:00am - 8:00pm

BLACK AND PINK

Black and Pink's mission is to abolish the criminal punishment system and to liberate LGBTQIA2S+ people/people living with HIV who are affected by that system, through advocacy, support, and organizing.

SPXCE will be having a non-denominational holiday card coloring and decorating event in conjunction with finals lunches during the week of finals (December 16 - 20th). These cards will then be sent to Black and Pink to give to incarcerated people, many of whom are LBGTQ+ and QTPOC. Please feel free to drop by and help contribute towards our goal of sending cards for the holidays. Further information on page 5.

RL HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00pm

LBGTQ+ SERVICES SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING

LAZOS: A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR TQPOC & ALLIES OF COLOR



WHAT IS LAZOS?

"Lazo" is one of several Spanish language terms for "bow", referencing the rainbow and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Come to the table with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color at MIT.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: *Wednesday, December 11*

Time: 5:00 - 6:45 PM

Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

FIRST YEAR DINNERS



WHAT ARE FIRST YEAR DINNERS?

First Year Dinner will be **cancelled** on Thursday, December 12th! Please join us for Jolly Holla-Gay Time Celebration on Friday, December 13!

More details on Page 6!

QLAB: QUEER & LBGT+ ADVISORY BOARD



WHAT IS QLAB?

Q-LAB is going to be on hold for the fall semester as we work to revamp it and make it a great consistent event for students! Be on the lookout for more information in the future around focus groups so you can share what you think QLAB should be.

Interested in shaping Q-LAB?

Email Lauryn McNair

(lmcnair@mit.edu)

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Instagram:
@rainbow_lounge_mit



UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DECEMBER LBGQTQ+ BOOK RECS.

ANGELS IN AMERICA
BY TONY KUSHNER

TAGS: AIDS, drama, fiction,
queer men, play

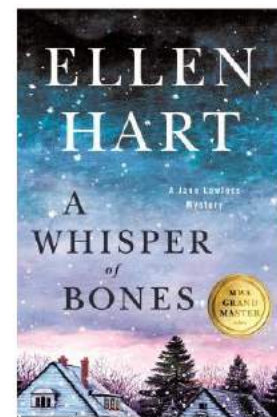
Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Angels in America* focuses on a group of people during the AIDS crisis who try to make sense of the world they find themselves in.



A WHISPER OF BONES
BY ELLEN HART

TAGS: fiction, murder mystery, thriller,
queer women

After years of silence from her cousin Timmy, Britt Ickles is shocked when her aunts tell her he never existed. Britt hires Jane Lawless to discover what really happened to him.





BLACK AND PINK CARD MAKING

While you're grabbing your finals winter lunch, join us in a Black and Pink holiday card making party! Card making supplies and recipients are provided!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Monday, December 16th -

Thursday, December 19th

Time: 12 PM-1 PM

Location: 16th, 18th, and 19th are in SPXCE. The 17th is at the LCC.



HOW DO YOU PITCH PEACE? BY THE PKG CENTER

Join PKG for a free Thai dinner and a walkthrough of the Davis Projects for Peace Fellowship. Learn how to best write a proposal and get the chance to work on your proposal with PKG staff!

Get more information:

<https://mit.givepulse.com/event/148180>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, Dec 5

Time: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: PKG Center (W20-549)



10K DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE

The Davis Projects for Peace is a \$10k Fellowship awarded to an MIT Undergraduate student to support their mission of building peace in an area of crisis. Projects must be conducted during the summer of 2020.

Learn more:

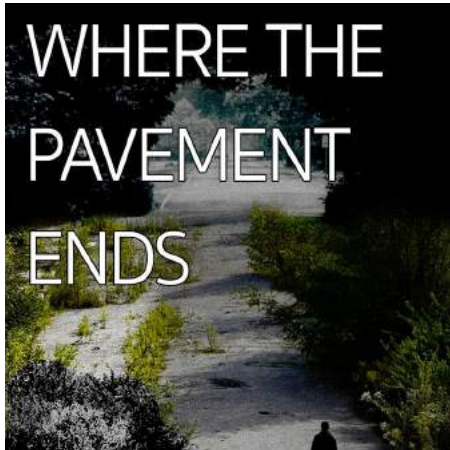
<https://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, December 12

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: PKG Center (W20-549)



WHERE THE PAVEMENT ENDS: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

My Sister's Keeper is holding a film screening and discussion of *Where the Pavement Ends*, a movie about the history of Ferguson. The writers will be at the event as panelists and will lead a discussion and Q&A on the movie. Light dinner also served.

Get more information:

<http://wgs.mit.edu/my-sisters-keeper>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, December 5
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Location: 9-354



JOLLY HOLLA-GAY TIME CELEBRATION!

Instead of the monthly LBGTQ+ Movie Night and First Year Dinner, join us in a Jolly Holla-Gay Time Celebration! There will be dinner, hot cocoa, snacks, and a screening! It will be YOUR choice of what we will watch!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, December 13th
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)



PKG SNOWFLAKE STUDY BREAK

Drop by the PKG Center for a fun crafty study break. Make paper snowflakes, meet new friends, and celebrate the end of the semester with PKG! No RSVP needed.

Get more information:

<https://mit.givepulse.com/event/148034-PKGs-Snowflake-Study-Break>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, December 12
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: PKG Center (W20-549)

HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL



WINTER FINALS LUNCHES

Finals are fast approaching! To ease your stress, come to SPXCE and the Latino Cultural Center (LCC) to eat food from Darryl's, Machu Chicken, House of Tandoor, and Lotus Express!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: Monday, December 16th - Thursday, December 19th
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Location: 16th, 18th, and 19th are in SPXCE. The 17th is at the LCC.*



T-TIME: A TRANS, GNC, GQ, GNB GROUP

Celebrate the snow and holidays with another T-time. Meet and chat with cool folx, while enjoying snacks and hot drinks!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: Thursday, December 12
Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*



MEDITATION FOR YOUR WELL-BEING

There is a free meditation session advertised by the MindHandHeart Initiative! Feel free to stop by and learn more!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: Wednesday, December 11
Time: 12:10pm
Location: E23-385A*



GOING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Many people may face challenges going home for the Winter holidays! Join the Office of Multicultural Programming and LBGTQ+ Services in a roundtable discussion about going home for the holidays.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, December 11

Time: 12:00 PM-1 PM

Location: SPXCE (W31-110)



WAFFLE NIGHT!

Come enjoy delicious waffles with all your friends after classes have ended!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, December 13

Time: 11pm

Location: MIT Coffeehouse Lounge



DOCUMENTARY SCREENING BY AID

The Association for India's Development (AID), MIT, and Boston chapters present a screening of Alpo Jana Golpogulo ("The Lesser Known Stories").

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Saturday, December 14

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: MIT, Building 4, Room 237

HAPPENING AT MIT: JUST FOR GRADS

GRADUATE RESOURCES WEB 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 full web address is:

<https://lbgtq.mit.edu/stay-connected/graduate-student-resources>

LBGTQ+ Services now also includes a recurring grad specific section for students to advertise grad programs in the newsletter.

Email lmcnair@mit.edu if you would like your event advertised in a future newsletter.



GSC DEI PIZZA SOCIAL

*Please join the Graduate Student Council Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee (DEI) would like to invite you to our end-of-semester GSC DEI Pizza Social! Meet the GSC Department Diversity Conduits + other grad students engaged in diversity work across MIT! **RSVP -***

<https://tinyurl.com/deisocial>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: 4-149



COOKIE SWAP

Please join the qtPhDs in their second annual holiday cookie exchange. Swap sweets to celebrate the end of the semester! You are encouraged (but not required) to bake/bring a treat of your own to share with others!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, December 12th

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES: JUST FOR GRADS

BIO-LGBTQ

BioLGBTQ+ is a new graduate student group focused on creating a space where LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in the Biology community can feel comfortable sharing their experiences. We aim to foster community through fun monthly social events, as well as advocate for LGBTQ+ issues within the biology department and raise awareness through informative lecture series and guest speakers. We welcome all LGBTQ+ individuals affiliated with the Biology department, whether undergraduate, graduate, post-doc, faculty, or staff.

Contact: biolgbtq_admin@mit.edu

LBGT GRAD

LGBT Grad is student group run by and for LGBT grad students and friends of the MIT community. Our mission is build and maintain a graduate student LGBT community across the Institute, and to connect MIT grad students to the LGBT community in the greater Boston area.

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lgbtgrad/>

LBGT GRAD POC

A group for graduate queer and trans people of color to hang out, connect, chat, and support one another in a safe space.

Contact: grad-qpoc-admin@mit.edu



GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES: JUST FOR GRADS

SLOAN LBGT

Sloan Pride is a student organization established to foster and promote an open and honest environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students, partners, faculty and staff in the Sloan community. We seek to promote positive images of the LGBT community and to foster opportunities for personal and professional growth regardless of sexual or gender identity.

Website:

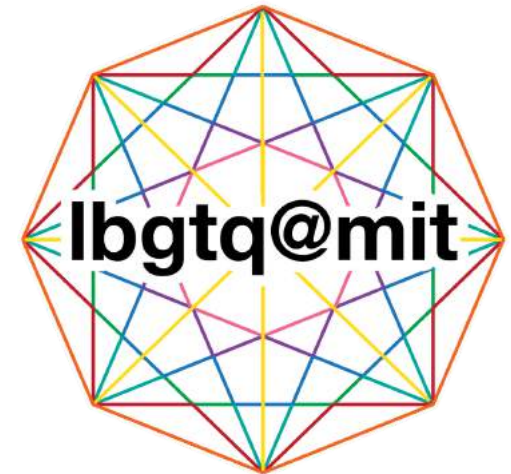
web.mit.edu/sloan-lgbt/

QUBE (QUEERS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT)

QuBE aims to highlight and create dialogue around the intersection of queer identity and the built environment through a variety of media including speakers, conferences, partnerships, publications, and social events. QuBE also serves to support and increase the visibility of queer students, faculty, and staff in the School of Architecture + Planning and the MIT community at large.

Contact:

erdmans@mit.edu or
mzucker@mit.edu



LBGTQ+ SERVICES UPDATES



RAINBOW COMPASS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program will be put on pause for the fall and spring semester and resume in Fall 2020.

This gives enough time for LBGTQ+ Services to re-structure the program once there is a new Assistant Dean of LBGTQ+ Services and make it even better!

In the meantime, for those interested in unofficial mentoring opportunities or information, please contact Lauryn McNair.

lmcnair@mit.edu



FAMILY DINNER IS CHANGING

*Next semester, Family Dinners will be every **FRIDAY** of the week instead of Thursday.*

They will be run by LBGTQ+ Services' awesome graduate student, Nikki Abeleda, who you all should meet.

There will be further reminders and emails about this in January and February.



GENDER INCLUSIVE BATHROOMS COMMITTEE

If you're interested in being a part of the re-vamped gender inclusive bathrooms committee for MIT then please email Lauryn McNair, lmcnair@mit.edu for interest and information.

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



CILAC FREIRE WINTER LGBTQ PROGRAM

A progressive Spanish immersion school in Mexico, is hosting a two week Winter LGBTQ Program that teaches students about the the real situation of the LGBTQ community in Mexico through the study of the language and cultural exchange. **Email:**

infor@cilacfreire.mx

Link:

<http://www.cilacfreire.mx/en/WinterLGBTQ>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: January 4-17, 2020

Time: N/A

Location: Mexico



LATINX LGBTQIA CONFERENCE

Boston Nous, Inc and Call for Action Inc. (CFA) are hosting the first ever LatinX LGBTQIA Motivation, Empowerment, Health and Personal Development Conference & Community Leadership Awards to be held in the city of Boston Massachusetts. Free!

Register

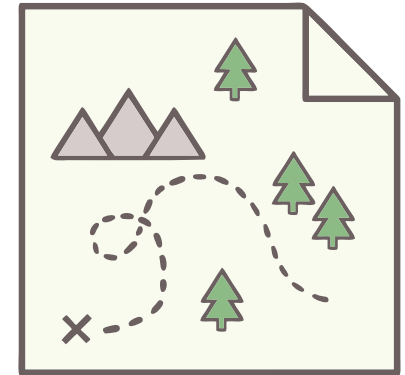
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/rcbdu6j>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: December 7

Time: 8:30 AM- 3 PM

Location: Fenway Health,
1340 Boylston St, Boston, MA



BOSTON QUEER DAY HIKE

Please join The Venture Out Project for a day hike! This hike is open to the LGBTQ+ Community and their allies. There is trailhead parking as well as parking across the street at the sports complex. Dogs allowed on trail!

To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/vxaudt5>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: December 8

Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

Location: 651 Willard St,
Quincy, MA 02169.



HOLLY-GAY MARKET

We thrilled to announce our first ever Holly-Gay Market! A holiday gift market dedicated to LGBTQ and ALLIES. Featuring a curated collection of makers, artists, designers, specialty food vendors and small business owners. All are welcome to attend this holiday extravaganza!

Free Admission!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: 12 - 6 PM

Location: Blend, 1310 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA



DESI QUEER DIASPORA CONFERENCE 2020

DQD 2020 is a conference that aims to gather LGBTQ+ & TGNC South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and folks that identify within the Desi Diaspora. Deadline for submitting proposal to present: **November 11**
Last date to register: March 1st
Register link & more info:
<https://www.desiqdiaspora.org/register>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: May 15-17 (Conference Date)

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton

*Hotel 6505 N Interstate Hwy
35 Austin, TX 78752*



QUEER NEON DANCE PARTY

Join La Boum in Après-ski Boum! Queer Neon Dance Party! Need to warm-it-up after slipping down those icy slopes in your neon flannel windbreaker? Come through and listen to Beyonce to Madonna, Whitney to Britney, and Robyn to Lizzo!

Free Admission, 21+

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: December 6

Time: 10 PM

Location: Bella Luna Lounge, 284 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA



MAPA BLACK & PINK HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

Mixed Asian Pacific-Islander Association is hosting a Black and Pink holiday card making party! Card making supplies and recipients are provided via Black and Pink, but please feel free to bring any additional art supplies and/or stamps to send the cards! <https://www.facebook.com/events/2442800119304052/>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 7 PM-10 PM

Location: Dorchester, MA - Address will be given out closer to event date!



QUEER BOARD GAME NIGHT

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community? Do you like board games?! We're gathering together at Trident for a board game night, all queer-identifying folks and allies are welcome! Our full menu plus a celebratory drink special will be available. This event will be hosted at Trident Booksellers & Cafe

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 6 PM - 7 PM

Location: 338 Newbury St, Boston, MA



NAPAWF DECEMBER HOT-POT-LUCK: HEAL ACT

*#NAPAWFBoston is a community of self-identified Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American trans, nonbinary, gender non-conforming folks and cis women. Please note potlucks are open to self-identified ANHPIDA folx only. **Email for: BostonLeaders@napawf.org** for address*

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 4 PM

Location: Somerville, MA



NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

*Boston GLASS is hosting a writing group for November - NaNoWriMo! If you're an LGBTQ person of color between the ages of 13-25 come on by! All short stories, poetry, screenplays, or any other creative writing projects are welcome! Contact: Makana Bailey
Email: mbailey@jri.org
Contact Number: 857-399-1920 ext 2403*

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: November 2019 - Mondays
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM
Location: 75 Amory St, Garden Level*



QUEERAOKE AT MIDWAY CAFE

Do you like karaoke? Belt out your favorite tunes and dance like no one is watching at Midway Cafe! Queeraoke is one of Boston's longest running successful queer nights!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: December 26th and 27th
Time: 10 PM - 2 AM
Location: 3496 Washington St, Jamaica Plain*



A SUPER GAY CHRISTMAS

Come out and watch the Boston Gay Men Choir at Jordan Hall as they sing the holiday classics!

Ticket prices are available on their website.

Link:

<https://calendar.artsboston.org/event/a-super-gay-christmas/>

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

*Date: December 15 - 22
Location: 30 Gainsborough St*



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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