

LBGTQ+ Services

FEBRUARY LBGTQ+

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Guess Who's Back?

Hey y'all, the monthly LBGTQ+ Newsletters are back again! And we've returned to campus. For the first two weeks of February the Rainbow Lounge hours will be a little infrequent as we work to set Rainbow Lounge worker schedules and hire some new students to help staff the space to keep it open and active.

Check out our newsletter and our website for the great February programs. Interested in putting on a program? Contact us!: lbgt@mit.edu

LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

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

We're Hiring!

LBGTQ+ Services is looking to hire an additional 1 - 2 Rainbow Lounge student workers for the Spring semester. Up to 6 hours a week. If you're available for at least 2 hours at a time between the hours of 12:30pm - 6:00pm let us know.

Duties include: creating a welcoming space, helping with posters and graphics, setting up programs, providing support to students and student groups, maintaining the Rainbow Lounge space.

Email: lmcnair@mit.edu

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Monday - Friday: 12:30 - 6pm EDT

Student leaders of cultural/LGBTQ+ clubs and orgs can have extended tap access for their groups. Email: lbgt@mit.edu

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

QTPoC

Zoom Link: <https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310>

Date: *Wednesday, February 22nd*

Times: *6:00 pm - 7:00 pm ET*

QTPoC is for queer and trans people of color in the MIT community to hang out with each other once a month, chat, watch movies, and have support.

Feel free to join at any time and bring friends!

Rainbow Lounge Hangout

Rainbow Lounge Hangouts are hangouts run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers. Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more.

There's always something going on so stay for all or part of the time to hang out with other students.

Location: *Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*

Date: *Every Friday*

Time: *12:30 - 6:00PM*

///**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

February LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe

TAGS: Aromantic, Graphic Novel

A useful and touching guide on gender identity--what it means and how to think about it--for advocates, friends, and humans everywhere. their asexual friends and loved ones.

Let's Talk About Love by Claire Kann

TAGS: Asexual, Women of Color

Explores the struggle with emerging adulthood and the complicated line between friendship and what it might mean to be something more.

///**LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates**

Speed Friending: Escape the Room

Date: Monday, February 14th

Time: Varies

Location: Provided after registration

Interested in meeting new people, while locked in a virtual escape room? Join us for a FREE Speed Friending Event: Escape the Room, while slots last.

Register by 2/9/2022: <https://tinyurl.com/speedfriendingmit>

Movie Nights!

Date: Friday, February 11th & 18th

Time: 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Come watch a movie with friends and community members! We will be releasing on social media which movies we will be showing. Don't be afraid to let us know if you have any suggestions!

Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week - Drop-in

Date: Tuesday, February 22nd

Time: 1:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to find our book recommendations to celebrate Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week! We will have button making, book recommendations, resources, and good vibes.

Black & Queer Community Chat

Date: Wednesday, February 16th

Time: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Location: SPXCE Center (W31-110)

Come join us for a conversation about the intersection of Black & Queer Identity. We will chat about the history of Black & Queerness and how that influences the present. In collaboration with the Black Student Union & Office of Multicultural Programming

Valentines Day Craft Event

Date: Monday, February 14th

Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Come join us for some Valentine's Day style crafting! Valentine's day isn't just about romantic love, but also for showing gratitude towards the folks who mean something special to us. Come create something for a special person in your life!

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Twitter: @lbgmtmit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

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Event w/ Ugandan Human Rights Lawyer

Zoom Link: *Provided after signup*

Date: *Thursday, February 17th*

Time: *5:00 - 6:00 pm ET*

Join the African Student Association and Nicholas Opiyo (Ugandan Human Rights Lawyer) as they discuss the current status of LBGTQ+ rights in Uganda and Africa, as a whole.

Signup: <https://tinyurl.com/lbgtqafrika>

MIT's 48th Annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Zoom Link: *Provided after signup*

Date: *Thursday, February 10th*

Time: *11:00AM - 1:00 PM ET*

We gather each February as a community to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Dr. King's dual emphasis on global and local issues.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/227bwxnt>

Lunar New Year Celebration

Location: *SPXCE Center (W31-110)*

Date: *Friday, February 4th*

Time: *11:00AM - 1:00 PM ET*

Join the Office of Multicultural Programming as they hold this year's Lunar New Year Celebration.

Activities include lantern making and Bingo with prizes!

Author Event: Clap When You Land

Zoom Link to be provided after registration

Date: Tuesday, April 26th

Time : TBD

Join My Sister's Keeper, the co-sponsor for the MIT Reads Book event with Elizabeth Acevedo, the author of Clap When You Land, a New York Times and IndieBound bestseller. Grab a copy of the book in advance, if you'd like! More info to come.

Women of Color & LBGTQ+ Professional Fund

Did you know that undergraduate students who are Women of Color of Queer and Trans students of color can apply for funding to help cover expenses associated with school applications, exams, professional attire, legal name changes and more?

Visit wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds for more details!

Weekends @MITINITIATIVE

As part of the Weekends@MIT initiative, aimed to increase substance-free social events on campus on Friday and Saturday nights, Alcohol and Other Drugs Services can contribute up to \$500 to your sponsored event in the Coffeehouse Lounge (3rd floor of Student Center) on a Saturday between 9pm – 11pm. This money could go towards food, supplies, etc.

If you're interested reach out to Elsa of AODS at weekendsmit_support@mit.edu

Changing the Subject: Lynn Nottage's By the Way, Meet Vera Stark and the Making of Black Women's Film History

Location: mit.zoom.us/j/96579656038

Date: Thursday, February 3rd

Time: 5:00PM - 6:30 PM ET

This is a CMS/W event open to all More information:

<https://cms.mit.edu/event/samantha-n-sheppard-making-black-womens-film-history/>

Winter Clothing Swap

Location: SPXCE Center (W31-110)

Date: Friday, February 25th

Time: 11:00AM - 4:00 PM ET

Join the Office of Multicultural Programming as they hold this year's Lunar New Year Celebration.

Activities include lantern making and Bingo with prizes!

///**@MIT FOR GRADS**

MIT CAPD: PhD Resumes for Industry

Zoom Link to be provided after registration

Date: Tuesday, February 22nd

Time: 3:00PM - 4:00PM

In this workshop we will discuss how to identify the key components of a resume for industry positions. The presentation will focus on the foundational parts of a resume with time for questions. Join us to learn how to best communicate your experience on your resume and get into the "yes" pile after an initial review.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mr77393y>

MIT CAPD: Faculty Career Panel - International Edition

Zoom Link to be provided after registration

Date: Tuesday, February 22nd

Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Join a panel of faculty from various countries outside the US to learn more about applying for faculty positions internationally, and what it's like to be a faculty member in their respective locations. After a few starter questions from the moderator, we will take questions from the audience.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yxucrurn>

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Fenway Health Trans Support Study

Are you between 18-35 years old?

Interested, but have not yet started hormone replacement therapy?

Up to \$400 for participation in a study aimed to examine the implications of gender-affirming healthcare!

If you have any questions or interest: Clarissa Pedreira at (617) 726-5423

United Collegiate Women's Leadership Conference 2022

The United Collegiate Women's Leadership Conference is an interactive transformational experience where women from all walks of life come together to understand the authentic leader they have within themselves, while preparing them to tackle critical issues facing their campus and larger communities.

Request funding: wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds

Register for Conference: <https://tinyurl.com/wclc2022>

Women in Technology ERG Lunch & Learn

Zoom Link to be provided after registration

Date: Thursday, February 3rd

Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Guest speakers Heather Yager, Associate Director for Digital Library Services and Tina Pappas, Head of Discovery and Engagement Platforms for Libraries will share their experiences with ITSM/ITIL Governance.

All registered members will receive a lunch voucher the day before the event.

Register: tinyurl.com/2ypde4fm

National Museum of African American History and Culture Virtual Tour

Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture virtually the whole month of February!

Link: searchablemuseum.com/explore

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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