

APRIL LBGQTQIA+ NEWSLETTER

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April showers...

...bring May flowers, or so they say. We have survived another New England weather month and we have come out the other side. Rejoice! Maybe go out and smell the flowers when you have the chance (or look at some on a screen if you're allergic).

Thank you so much to everyone who donated during our Pi Day Fundraising event. 145 people donated and raised \$17,795. And a special thank you to **Eric Reiner `83** for donating \$10,000 to the event which will go to benefit the MIT LBGQTQ+ community.

Lavender Graduation

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Friday, May 10th

17:30-19:00/5:30-7:00 PM

Lavender Graduation is a celebration of the end of the year and a recognition of our distinguished graduates from the LBGQTQ and ally community. This event is open to everyone (MIT staff, students, faculty, alumni), whether you've been involved with LBGQTQ@MIT or not!

All are welcome during this community wide celebration on Friday, May 10th 5:30 - 7:00pm in Rainbow Lounge (50-250).

Interested in volunteering/helping?

Email afran@mit.edu or lmcnair@mit.edu.

Are you graduating? Will you be attending Lavender Graduation? If the answer is yes to both, then please fill out this RSVP link so we can have the name you want read, pronunciation, degree information, and pronouns (optional).

Link here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LavGradMIT>

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

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, April 24

17:00-19:00/5:00-7:00 PM

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!

Family Dinners

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Thursdays, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

18:00-19:00/6:00-7:00 PM

Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ and allying people on campus? This is for you! We're now hosting ongoing Family Dinners for our LBGTQ and allying communities to join our first year students, reclaiming a sense of family, support, and solidarity. Come check out The SPXCE (Social Justice Programming and Cross Cultural Engagement) Intercultural Center in W31-110 and join in a relaxed discussion about how to thrive at MIT over a variety of delicious dinners. Open to all visiting, transfer, exchange, graduate, and undergraduate students, and faculty and staff! East campus, West campus, Off campus — we look forward to seeing you!

QLAB: Queer & LBGT Advisory Board

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Tuesday, April 9th (Every 2nd Tues. of the Month)

17:00-18:00/5:00-6:00 PM

QLAB is an open meeting seeking to enhance the experiences of LBGTQ people at MIT and to ensure that its educational mission is upheld for all students of diverse gender, romantic, and sexual identities. Meetings are once a month and address specific LBGTQ community projects. Anyone affiliated with MIT and LBGTQ-affirming is welcome to join and participate!

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Rainbow Lounge CPW Open House

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Friday, April 12th

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Join us in the newly renovated Rainbow Lounge for yummy good, a Queer Treasure Chest, music, dancing, and a movie! Please join us to celebrate and welcome new MIT pre-frosh into the LBGTQ+ community and their allies at MIT.

All are welcome.

SPXCE Open House for CPW

W31-110, SPXCE

Friday, April 12th

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Please join the Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement team in welcoming the MIT pre-frosh into the MIT community!

Get to know the community leaders and groups on campus to connect with, and share in your experiences. All are welcome.

Multicultural Awards Banquet: Save the Date!

50-140, Morss Hall

Wednesday, May 8th

12:00 PM

Join us for the 7th Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet. Come celebrate students, student organizations, faculty and staff outstanding work and their impact on the community.

Lunch will be provided.

LOEV: Movie Night

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Friday, April 12th

17:30-19:00/5:30-7:00 PM

When hot shot, Wall Street dealmaker Jai thinks of putting some pleasure into his 48 hour business trip to Mumbai, Sahil, his young, music-producer friend, drops everything, including his reckless boyfriend Alex, to help him execute the perfect getaway. **“LOEV” is written and directed by Sudhanshu Saria.** All welcome to attend. Popcorn provided.

Out and Asian Panel

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Thursday, April 25th

12:00-14:00/12:00-2:00 PM

In the US, the month of May is dedicated to celebrating the diversity, culture, traditions and history of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders in this country:

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>. June brings the celebration of LGBT Pride:

<https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>. In honor of both of these traditions, please join the LGBTQ+ and Asian Pacific American (APA) ERG's (Employee Resource Groups) in a collaborative panel discussion where we will hear from LGBTQ+ and Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, Asian American identified folks about their experiences at MIT and beyond. All are welcome and lunch will be provided.

See more information here:

<http://tinyurl.com/OutandAsian>

Aces-Aros Group

Do you identify on the asexual/aromantic spectra? Join MIT Aces and Aros for fun social events, discussions and community-building with your fellow aces and aros.

Email aces-admin@mit.edu to be added to the mailing list.

LBGTQ Spirituality & Faith Series - Mesma Belsaré

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Tuesday, April 23rd

17:30-19:00/5:30-7:00 PM

Join us for dinner and conversation as we embark on a series exploring multiple aspects of identity in a variety of religious and spiritual traditions. Hear from faith leaders about their journey through the intersections of sexual orientation, gender identity, and their religious, spiritual, or ethical tradition. All are welcome.

A Conversation On Race With Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

E51-115, Tang Center

Thursday, April 18th

16:00-18:00/4:00-6:00 PM

Hear from Dr. Tatum on her book **Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race** in a discussion moderated by Dean Melissa Nobles.

Bring your book or purchase one from the bookstore to have it signed.

MLK Luncheon Seminar w/ Lorgia García-Peña

TBD

Monday, April 29th

12:00/12:00 PM

MIT established the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professor Program to enhance and recognize the contributions of outstanding scholars. The program honors the life

and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by increasing the presence of minority scholars at MIT.

TGIF: Lesbian Takeover

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Friday, April 26

17:30-19:00/5:30-7:00 PM

Come celebrate Lesbian Day of Visibility with a screening of Black Mirror's San Junipero and cupcake decorating! All are welcome. Co-hosted by G@MIT.

Being Out in the World

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Monday, April 22nd

17:00-19:00/5:00-7:00 PM

Aimed towards queer students engaging in international experiential learning this event will help students prepare to live/work abroad as queer individuals while connecting with other queer students who have worked/studied abroad.

Pride Shabbat

Mezzanine Lounge, W20-307

Friday, April 5th

19:30/7:30 PM

Celebrate Shabbat with you jewish and queer friends!

Event by MIT Hillel.

The Big Gay Event

Margaret Cheney Room (3-310)

Sunday, May 12th

17:00-20:00/5:00-8:00 PM

Whether you can sing or dance or write poetry, or you have a really great story to tell (related to being queer), you should come out to this big gay event. All proceeds benefit Fenway Health. QWAM (Queers With A Mission) is performing!

If interested in getting involved, email deannad@mit.edu.

PKG Summer Immersion

Work side-by-side with community organizations that are striving to eliminate health disparities and improve the wellbeing of American Indians and Indigenous communities. These opportunities include a team internship for 8-10 weeks and a group immersion experience for the week preceding graduation.

Priority Application:

Wednesday, April 3rd

Quare Are We Now?: The Time and Place Of Black Queer and Trans Studies

1-190

Wednesday, April 3rd

18:00-20:00/6:00-8:00 PM

This roundtable features a conversation about the genealogies and futures of black queer and trans studies across geographic and disciplinary borders, conversations that can help us take stock of the contradictory and complicated cultural moment we are in.

WGS Lecture Series

2-105

Wednesday April 17th

17:00/5:00 PM

Biannual McMillan-Stewart Lecture Series with Zahra Ali زهراء علي: “Women, Gender and Feminisms in Iraq: between state collapse, social movements and fragmentation.”

This lecture reflects on recent research on women, gender and feminisms in relation to Islam(s) and the Middle East.

WGS Documentary: "Dawnland"

4-237

Tuesday, April 2nd

16:00/4:00 PM

Dawnland is a documentary about Indigenous child removal and cultural survival in the United States. The viewing is followed by Q&A with directors and reception.

Ask Me Anything: Being Queer In 2019

E62-276

Wednesday, April 3rd

11:30-13:00/11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Hear your LGBT classmates share their takes on what it is like to be Queer today. Drawing from the diversity of experiences, we will look at it from a U.S. and global perspective. Open to: MIT Sloan Community

RSVP:

<https://tinyurl.com/AMAQueer2019>

How to Adult Workshop Series

The 2019 "How to Adult" Series. Please RSVP for any of the "How to Adult" workshops. The series focuses on topics to help you prepare for "adulting", including, professional dining etiquette, dating, finances, networking, mental health, and so much more!

Networking w/ Alumni Social Hour:

Thursday, April 11th 19:00/7:00 PM in Flowers Dining Room, Maseeh Hall

Financial Planning for the "Real World":

Thursday, April 18th 18:00/6:00 PM in 32-155, Stata Center

Contact Joseph Granado, granado@mit.edu, for more information.

Can You Feel the Love (Tonight)

SPXCE (W31-110)

Friday, April 26th

16:00 / 4:00 PM

Join the Pleasure Educators for conversation on healthy relationships across cultures! Snacks provided. A program by Pleasure @MIT.

An Intercollegiate Gathering for Asexual and Aromantic Students

W79, Simmons Hall

Saturday, April 6th

16:30-18:30/4:30-6:30 PM

Join students at Tufts, MIT, Northeastern, and Harvard for fun conversation, pizza, and cake! Students at any university who identify on the asexual or aromantic spectrums (a-, demi-, grey-, questioning, etc.) are welcome!

RSVP and/or join an e-list:

www.tinyurl.com/acearoBoston

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

SAAM is a time to reflect on how far we have come in the movement to end sexual violence, and also to acknowledge the work that lies ahead of us. VPR, T9BR, PLEASURE, and campus partners from a variety of organizations have come together to put together a month full of programming for students.

Stop by Lobby10 to pick up a free t-shirt and button, take a photo at our photo booth, or check out one of our displays. **Go to elephant.mit.edu for more details!!**

Mario Kart Tournament with GFG

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Tuesday, April 23rd

16:30-19:00/4:30-7:00 PM

Come play Mario Kart with us! If we have enough people, we'll have a full-on tournament with brackets and bragging rights. Otherwise, we'll just play for fun! All are welcome.

Interested in joining the Gender Fluidity Group?

Contact: parrotfish-exec@mit.edu

Hayden Library Renovation

W31-110

Monday, April 8th & Wednesday, April 17th

17:00-18:30/5:00-6:30 PM & 12:00-13:30/12:00-1:30 PM

The MIT Libraries are excited to have an opportunity to reimagine the first and second floors of the Hayden Library in an upcoming renovation. One of the goals of the project is to be a more welcoming space that supports a variety of experiences: collaboration, quiet exploration, learning, research, creativity, and discovery can all happen here. Academic libraries have long been designed from a particular cultural perspective that is not necessarily welcoming, supportive, and inclusive of everyone.

There will be two informal discussions about what the new Hayden Library could be.

You must register to attend.

Monday, April 8, 5-6:30 PM session: tinyurl.com/MITHayden1

Wednesday, April 17, 12-1:30 PM session: tinyurl.com/MITHayden2

Class Awareness Support and Equality (CASE) - Commencement Housing

CASE is trying to match undergraduates with staff and faculty members that would be willing to host them for the duration of commencement. Last year, we successfully matched 20+ families with hosts for commencement. If you would be willing to host a graduating undergraduate's family and ensure their experience is met with less financial uncertainties that could prevent these families from attending the ceremony, will you please fill out [this survey](#), so we could match you with a student?

Developing Substantive Anti-Oppression Practices at MIT

E62-223

Wednesday, April 24th

18:00 - 19:30/ 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Sponsored by the Institute Community Equity Office (ICEO), Sloan Student Life Office, School of Architecture & Planning (SA&P) and Department of Urban Studies (DUSP) in collaboration with the following student groups; MIT My Sister's Keeper (MSK), Sloan Black Business Student Association (BBSA), Sloan Women in Management (SWIM) and the Sloan Senate Diversity & Inclusion Committee we invite MIT students, faculty and staff to the following event:

The mission of MIT seeks “to develop in each member of the MIT community the ability and passion for working wisely, creatively, and effectively for the betterment of humankind.”

In order for us as an institution to truly take on the task of achieving this mission in the broader community, we have to take on the challenges of developing each and every member within, at the margins, and kept out of our own community.

This workshop facilitated by [Rachel and Joe Tache](#) is aimed at bringing students, staff and faculty from across MIT together in dialogue to think critically, engage deeply and lead courageously for the betterment of the MIT community and ultimately the greater good.

Truth Values Community

Kresge Little Theater

Tuesday, April 16th

19:00/ 7:00 PM

Twenty Chimneys

Wednesday, April 17th

11:45/ 11:45 AM

A unique pilot project for STEM graduate students, Truth Values Community. The project was launched last year in New York, supported by the Sloan Foundation, and now will be coming to MIT in April, sponsored by the MIT School of Science. The aim of the project is to support increased diversity in STEM fields through an art experience plus mentoring.

More information can be found on the website:

<https://www.truthvaluescommunity.com/>

A sign-up page can be found [here](#), and a flyer about the program that can be passed along by email can be found [here](#).

Support Termination of Financial Ties to Saudi Arabia

A group of faculty, staff, students, and alums have composed **[a letter to the MIT Corporation](#)** concerning MIT's ongoing financial relationships with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its state-controlled subsidiaries, specifically Saudi Aramco, SABIC, and KACST. Some of the background that has prompted this action is included in the letter, and additional information with links to other letters, reports, news articles, and such can be found **[here](#)**. Note also that new evidence of **[the torture of feminist activists](#)** was released just yesterday.

We invite you - and any student, faculty, staff, alum - to sign the letter to express your support for the termination of these specific financial ties to Saudi Arabia, and for greater transparency in decisions concerning MIT's research partnerships and investments.

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Boston Spirit: LGBTQ Executive Networking Night

Boston Marriott—Copley Place

Thursday, May 2nd

20:00/8:00 PM

Attend Boston Spirit's annual LGBTQ Executive Networking Night. All students are welcome to come for free! It is a great opportunity for LGBTQ+ students to meet companies and mingle with LGBTQ+ professionals from in and around the Boston Area.

Our featured speaker this year is Rhode Island Congressman David Cicilline—please RSVP on the Boston Spirit Magazine website to see him and attend our event!

RSVP:

<http://bostonspiritmagazine.com/signature-events/lgbt-executive-networking-night/>

The Network/LaRed Community Needs Assessment

Mid-March-June

Over the last 30 years, TNLR has been assessing organizations to ensure the inclusion and accessibility of LGBTQ/T folks. We are now conducting a statewide Community Needs Assessment to hear directly from the communities we serve.

The survey consists of about twenty questions that in total should take approximately fifteen minutes to complete. Folks who complete the survey online will receive an Amazon or Dunkin Donuts gift card, and folks who complete the survey in person will receive an “I ♥ Consent” Tote Bag!

Website:

<http://tnlr.org/en/>

Boston Pride Spring Open House

12th Channel St, #503 Boston, MA 02210

Tuesday, April 9th

18:30/6:30 PM

Join the Boston Pride team for our 2019 Pride Spring Open House at the Pride office . During the Open House, the 2019 Marshals and 2019 Community Fund recipients will be formally introduced, and Boston Pride will make several announcements about the 2018 Boston Pride Week celebration, including a reveal of the winning "Looking Back, Loving Forward" logo. Food and refreshments will be served.

The Network/LaRed Community Awareness Workshops

Bookings Available April 1st - June 30th, 2019

The Network/La Red is holding free awareness workshops for LGBTQ/T, SM, and Polyamorous groups and organizations interested in learning about their services, consent, and how partner abuse affects our communities. The workshops are 1-1.5 hours.

Contact at community@tnlr.org to book a workshop in the window of April 1st, 2019 - June 30th, 2019.

Pride at Lowell Spinners

Thursday, June 27th

19:00/7:00 PM

The Lowell Spinners Baseball Team will be having a game on Pride Night. If you use the Promo code: "PRIDE" you will receive a ticket at a discounted rate. Hopefully we will see you out at the Ball Park!

Tickets:

<https://tinyurl.com/SpinnersTickets>

If You Feel It, You Can Speak It With Jha D Williams

The History Project , 4th Fl.

29 Stanhope Street Boston, MA 02116

Tuesday, March 26th

18:00-20:00/6:00-8:00 PM

For this month's Out of the Archives, Jha D Williams will discuss creating the only monthly open mic dedicated to the LGBTQI community of color and its allies. "If You Can Feel It, You Can Speak It" is a non-discriminating, non-pretentious, non-elitist platform for one and all to express themselves.

Doors open and reception at 6:00PM, talk begins at 6:30PM, followed by a short Q&A.

Tickets:

<https://feelitspeakit.eventbrite.com>

Queer Muslim Shorts

Brattle Theater,

40 Brattle St Cambridge, MA 02138

Saturday, April 6th

13:30-13:30/1:30-3:30 PM

QUEER! MUSLIM! PROUD! The first ever Queer Muslim shorts selection of Wicked Queer brings you stories about identity, faith, family and love! Coming out to parents, fighting for who you are despite society's oppression, being brave and finding compassion... Delivered from all around the world, these stories show how much we have in common even though we come from different backgrounds. Curated by Beyza Burcak.

Tickets here:

<https://tinyurl.com/QueerMuslimShorts>

LGBTQ Experiences since 2016 election - Survey

A team of [LGBTQ-affirming researchers at UMASS Boston](#) are conducting a confidential survey to learn more about LGBTQ experiences since the 2016 election. The study aims to explore relationships between experiences of heterosexism and/or transphobia, visibility of LGBTQ identity, and mental health.

Participation involves completing a survey online and takes 20-30 minutes. To participate, you must be age 18 or older, currently living in the United States, and identify as LGBTQ. **If you are interested in learning more about the study and possibly participating, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/electionlgbtq>**

For questions about the study, the principal investigator is Brianna Wadler, who can be reached at: lgbtelectionstudy@gmail.com

Gender Bending Fashion Exhibit at MFA

Museum of Fine Arts,

465 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

March 21 - August 25, 2019

“Gender Bending Fashion” examines a rich history of fashion disrupting, blurring, and redefining conventions and expectations around the relationship between gender and dress. At the same time, the garments on view can speak more broadly to societal shifts across the past century—including changing gender roles, increasing visibility of LGBTQIA+ communities, and the rise of social media as a powerful tool for self-expression.

For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/gbfexhibit>

Transmasculine People of Color Sexual Health Care Study

The Transmasculine People of Color Sexual Health Care Study seeks focus group participants! You may be eligible if you are between 18 and 25 years old; were assigned female at birth; identify as a man, trans man, FTM, GNC, non-binary, or transmasculine; identify as a person of color (including but not limited to Black, Latinx, Asian, Native, or multiracial); and reside in the greater Boston area. Participants will

receive a \$45 Amazon gift card, and food and drinks will be served. **If interested, please call or text 617-299-1807 or email transmochealth@gmail.com.**

LBG Study

My name is Timothy Stahl and I would like to invite you to participate in my doctoral dissertation, a study of how the experiences of lesbian, gay, and bisexual emerging adults are related to their thinking and functioning.

The study involves completing surveys one time. You are eligible to participate if you are an emerging adult between the ages of 18-25 and identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual. The study will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Upon completion of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for one of twenty \$20 Amazon gift cards. Participation is completely voluntary, and your responses are anonymous and confidential. This study has been approved by the St. John's University IRB.

If you choose to participate, additional information about the study and direct access to the survey can be found at the following link:

https://stjohns.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eYhMydN8iXVTiHb

Your participation is important to our understanding of young LGB adults.