

MARCH LBGTQIA+ NEWSLETTER

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

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, March 20th

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, March 7th, 14th, 21st

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, March 12th (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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Commencement Housing Outreach

Commencement for the Class of 2019 is getting closer and closer. For MIT undergraduates, this signifies a culmination of years of hard work and sleepless nights; a celebration of the times spent with a community that will remain close for a lifetime. However, for many students commencement is oftentimes filled with stress and anxiety, as **students struggle to find housing for their families in a way that makes sense financially**. To this end, **CASE (Class Awareness Support and Equality)** is trying to match undergraduates with staff, faculty or parents that would be **willing to host them for the duration of commencement**. In the past, we successfully matched 30+ families with hosts for commencement and received great feedback about the program. This year, we are looking to match even more families and **we need your help reaching out to potential hosts**.

If you'd be interested in hosting, please fill out the following form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EvGed9gYpSxnsqBl2>

LBGTQ@MIT Pi Day Challenge

Thursday, March 14th

24 Hour Event

Help us to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus climate both now and in the future. If 50 donors give to LBGTQ@MIT on Pi Day, Eric Reiner '83 will make a \$5,000 bonus gift to the program. And if 50 more give, he'll give an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$10,000!

Website below:

<http://24hourchallenge.mit.edu/>

Open Mic Night: RAK Week
W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center
Thursday, March 14th
19:00-21:00/7:00-9:00 PM

Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week at the annual RAK Open Mic Night. We invite you to tell a story or submit anonymously, read spoken word poetry, or sing a song. Connect, share, and support members of our MIT community. Dinner will be served.

Queer Women of Color Panel Discussion - A Collaborative ERG Women's History
W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center
Tuesday, March 19th
00:00-1:30/12:00-1:30 PM

The LBGTQ+, WIT, Latino/a, and ABAC Employee Resource Groups invite you to join us for this panel discussion event where we will hear from queer women of color about their experiences at MIT and beyond. All are welcome and lunch is provided.

Please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/2CXe2Mg>

LBGTQ Spirituality & Faith Series - Rev. Dr. Donnie Anderson
50-250, Rainbow Lounge
Tuesday, March 12th
18:00-19:30/6:00-7:30 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.

Change-Maker Awards

Violence Prevention & Response and Title IX & Bias Response are now accepting nominations for the MIT Change-Maker Awards. These awards honor individuals who make outstanding contributions to end sexual violence at MIT. Change-makers challenge harmful attitudes, language, and behaviors to create culture changes.

Submit nominations by *March 8th*:

tinyurl.com/MITchangemaker

Churros Y Chisme

W20-202, LLC Lounge

Tuesday, March 19th

16:00-17:00/4:00-5:00 PM

Churros Y Chisme is a monthly discussion hosted in the Latino Cultural Center Lounge. The event topics have ranged from What does it mean to be Latinx? to How does the current political climate impact us as Latinx people? While we embark on a discussion, we will create community and bond over churros.

MIT BOT* Retreat

Camp Burgess, Massachusetts

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7th

Bus departs 17:00/5:00 PM

The Office of Multicultural Programs (OMP) in partnership with the Student Activities Office (SAO) is currently recruiting students for the MIT BOT (*Bringing Others Together) Retreat!!! This retreat is open to any current undergraduate and graduate MIT student and it is completely

Register:

tinyurl.com/y6nm37x4

CRD Grant Program

The Committee on Race and Diversity (CRD) grant program has extended their deadline to ***Friday, March 22, 2019***.

For more information and to apply please go to the link below:

<http://diversity.mit.edu/grants-program/>

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!

Leading as an Introvert:

Tuesday, March 19th 19:30/7:30 PM in 66-154, Landau Building

Social Media & Best Practices to Developing Your Brand:

Wednesday, March 20th 00:00/12:00 PM in 4-145, Maclaurin Buildings

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.

Shadow A Student and Admitted Student Overnight Program

The MIT Undergraduate Office of Admissions is looking for volunteers to help with the Shadow a Student and Admitted Student Overnight Programs! Juniors and Seniors in high school are matched with current MIT undergraduates, allowing them to attend classes and have lunch with a friendly student who can answer their questions about their MIT Undergraduate experience. The Overnight Program allows admitted students who are unable to attend CPW the chance to spend the night on-campus with a current MIT student to see if they ultimately want to attend.

Apply here:

https://mit.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Og6PrybLiw85IV

Full-Time Summer Student Fellowships in MIT's Office of Sustainability

The MIT Office of Sustainability (MITOS) is currently seeking student applicants for 4 full-time paid Sustainability Fellowships for Summer 2019. Join a dynamic, collaborative office that is developing MIT's next generation vision of campus sustainability. Each position is for 10 weeks from June to August, and is open to MIT and non-MIT upper-level undergraduate and graduate students.

For detailed information about each position visit: MITOS Jobs and Fellowships

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to mitosjobs@mit.edu with the name of the position in the subject line.

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Abilities Dance

Multicultural Arts Center, Cambridge, MA

Friday, March 22nd

20:00/8:00 PM

Audacity is Abilities Dance's 3rd annual production taking place March 22nd at the Multicultural Arts Center in Cambridge. The show features performances by the professional performing company of Abilities, guest choreographers from Heidi Latksy Dance in NYC, the youth from Our Space Our Place, SWG/dancetheatre from NJ, and more!

Check out abilitiesdanceboston.org for more information and to get tickets.

LGBTQ Conference at Harvard

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Friday & Saturday, March 8th-9th

The sixth annual LGBTQ Conference at Harvard will be held in March. The conference is open to all and is not restricted to Harvard affiliates. Keynote speakers include Aisha Moodie-Mills, Immediate Past-President of the LGBTQ Victory Fund, and Aaron Morris, Executive Director of Immigration Equality. They will join a host of leaders, activists, and advocates from across the nation, addressing topics like political organizing, higher education and LGBTQ support, religious leadership, and LGBTQ healthcare. Admission is \$20-\$30 and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and receptions on Friday and Saturday.

Visit the conference website for the full schedule and registration:

harvardlgbtqconference.org.

Paid LBGTQ Summer internship and Fellowship Opportunity

Deadline: March 8th

Washington, D.C

Friday, March 28th-July 20th

The Victory Institute will bring outstanding LGBTQ college students to Washington, D.C., for an 8-week intensive leadership program, including a Congressional internship with an LGBTQ-friendly member of Congress.

The program includes a generous stipend, housing in D.C., placement in a congressional internship and travel to/from Washington, D.C., as well as travel and registration to the LGBTQ Leaders Conference in December 2019.

For more information visit:

<https://victoryinstitute.org/2019-victory-congressional-internship-application/>

Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast

JFK Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, MA

Saturday, March 30th

9:30-12:30/9:30 AM-12:30 PM

The Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast maintains a tradition of commemorating and celebrating the life and work of Bayard Rustin, one of the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement. The annual event gathers to carry on Bayard Rustin's legacy and honor LGBTQ+ individuals from communities of color who have been instrumental in fighting HIV/AIDS.

For more information and to buy tickets, please go here:

<https://aac.org/ways-to-give/bayard-rustin-breakfast/>