What up everyone? It is March and you know what that means! Yup. Pi Day (and Pie Day) and also LBGTQ+ Services fundraising for Pre-Pi Day. More information on that event in the Happening at MIT: For All section.

March is also Womxn’s Heritage Month. Check SPXCE of the RL for book recs, our figures series, and more.

It’s also Trans Day of Visibility which is a time for celebration and uplifting others.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and come to some events and build community!

Also! Some exciting new news. LBGTQ+ Services is rolling out new You Are Welcome Here Cards. The next page in the "Welcome Cont." section has the graphic for the two new cards.

**Black:** These cards are for those who have gone through an LBGTQ+ Services two hour best practices training. Check the SPXCE website for more information on how to sign up.

**White:** Are for people who haven’t gone through an LBGTQ+ best practices training but want an updated YAWH card which includes racial diversity. You can pick up the white cards by visiting SPXCE or the Rainbow Lounge.

**SPXCE HOURS**

Building: W31-110

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

**RL HOURS**

Building: 50-250

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 12:00pm - 7:00pm

Tue.: 2:30pm - 7:00pm

Thur.: 1:30pm - 7:00pm
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:

awards.mit.edu/awards/john-s-w-kellett-47-award
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, March 18
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00pm
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

Family Dinners

What are Family Dinners?

Are you looking to connect with LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly Family Dinners for LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students, reclaim a sense of family support, & solidarity. Open to all!

NEW DATE

When and Where Is This?

Date: Every Friday
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00pm
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

QLAB: Queer & LBGT+

What is QLAB?

QLAB is going to be on hold for the Spring 2020 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)
A story about a Queer Woman who ran away from America where she discovered queer anarchopunk love and revolution, yet remained haunted by the reasons she left home in the first place.

**TAGS:** Queer Women, Disabilities, South Asian

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**DIRTY RIVER**
**BY LEAH PIEPZNA-SAMARASINHA**

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A portrait of a young woman searching for her purpose and place in the world—without a road map to guide her.

**TAGS:** Women of color, Transgender

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**SURPASSING CERTAINTY**
**BY JANET MOCK**
PRE-PI DAY CHALLENGE
Support LBGTQ+ Services for a pre-Pi Day celebration on March 12! If we receive 50 donations, Eric Reiner ‘83 will donate $5,000, and if we receive 100 donations, then it will be $10,000!

Be on the lookout for the link to donate.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Friday, March 13th
Time: All Day
Location: Pi-Day Giving Website

AA/PI MOVIE NIGHT
Join us to watch Mulan, eat snacks, and be in community with one another! While Mulan is a character who is full of strength and empowered, we will be creating empowerment boards!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, March 19
Time: 4 PM - 6 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY
Please join us at the Rainbow Lounge with button making, snacks, pins, book recommendations, and more to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, March 31
Time: 1 PM - 6 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

THE COST OF CODE SWITCHING
A workshop with Courtney L. McCluney, PhD. Each section will be a stand-alone workshop. Lunch is open to MIT community members, while the evening section will be geared toward students. Register for lunch (11:30am - 1:30pm Bush Room) or evening section in SPXCE (5-7pm). Lunch session - https://tinyurl.com/sjgg1rv
Evening session - https://tinyurl.com/s9nzby4

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, March 16
Time: Lunch - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & Evening - 5 PM - 7PM
Location: Bush Room & SPXCE

WARRIOR WOMEN
Women Take The Reel: Warrior Women explores the life of Lakota activist and community organizer Madonna Thunder Hawk, who has fought for Indigenous and women's rights from AIM to DAPL. Co-sponsored by AISES, ICEO, IPAC, and LIST. Followed by Q&A with director Elizabeth A. Castle

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, March 12
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Bartos Theatre (E15)

BLACK WOMEN & THE IVORY TOWER
The title of this panel is "Maintaining and Discovering our Authentic Selves." Please join us for either session at our annual My Sister's Keeper Alumnae Career Panel. Session 1: 11:30am-12pm: Networking Reception 12-1pm: Panel Session 2: 1-2pm Panel 2:00-2:30pm: Networking Reception

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, March 11
Time: Read in description
Location: Twenty Chimneys (W20-306)
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

T-TIME: A TRANS, GNC, GQ, GNB GROUP
A group for transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and genderqueer folx to come together, chat, make plans, and share resources.

For more information email lbgt@mit.edu

CREATIVE LIVING & SELF-CARE ON CAMPUS
My Sister's Keeper workshop: Creative Living and Self-Care on Campus. Co-facilitated by WGS post-doc Misty De Berry and Prof. Helen Elaine Lee. Please RSVP to wgs@mit.edu.

POPPIN POLISH
An event in the Rainbow Lounge where you can get your nails painted with halal nail polish. Boba will be served!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 19
Time & Location: Reach out to lbgt@mit.edu for location

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, March 18
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Location: 5-134

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, March 9
Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
Save the Date: Rise Awards

Please celebrate with us for the MIT R.I.S.E. (Recognizing Individuals Supporting Equity) Awards. This ceremony is a way to recognize and uplift students, staff, and faculty who have contributed to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts on campus in one huge celebration.

When and Where is This?
Date: Monday, May 4
Time: 12 PM - 1:30 PM
Location: Walker Memorial, Morss Hall

MIT Reads: There There

The spring selection for the Libraries’ MIT Reads program will be Tommy Orange’s There There. The book was chosen in collaboration with the newly formed Indigenous Peoples Advocacy Committee.

For more details on the Spring event:
https://libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/

When and Where is This?
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020
Time: 1 PM - 6 PM
Location: 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA

Technologies of Resistance: Towards Feminist Futures

We will explore the following topics as they relate to feminisms, futures, and technologies: Femmetech and Ecofeminisms, Pedagogies of Resistance Technology as political resistance, Archiving and Feminist Futures. For more information - https://tinyurl.com/uz99vgt
SAVE THE DATE: RAINBOW LOUNGE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Rainbow Lounge is turning 2 years old. Save the date so you can enjoy music, games, party favors, cake, and more in celebration of the event.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, April 6
Time: 4PM - 6PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge, (50-250)
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.

**GRADUATE RESOURCES WEB PAGE**

**LBGTQ + GRAD HANGOUT**

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

Meet new friends and colleagues, while checking out the Rainbow Lounge!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: First Mondays of the month
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**PRIDE WELCOME BREAKFAST**

EECS THRIVE grad student group is organizing a Pride Welcome Breakfast for admitted EECS grad student visit days. Current students can stop by and share your experiences!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Location: Allen Room (36-462)
### 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

### LGBT 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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lgbtgrad/)

### LGBT 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
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
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 restructure 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

Check out the new art installation in the Rainbow Lounge! These pieces are from MIT faculty, staff, and students! If you would like to showcase your work in the Rainbow Lounge we are still accepting submissions! Please email the LGBTQ+ Services Graduate Assistant - Nikki Abeleda (She/They) at abeleda@mit.edu!

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 for interest and information. The committee will be looking for students (undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty and staff. The first meeting is scheduled Tuesday, March 17th from 1-2pm in the Rainbow Lounge (50-250).
LBGTQ+ 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.

LBGTQ+ 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 for info.

**Provincetown, MA Retreat 2020**

LBGTQ+ 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.

This is an annual event for LBGTQ+ 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: lbgtq.mit.edu/resources

**LBGTQ+ Education**

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

Students interested in LBGTQ+ education can fill out a workshop/training application form on the LBGTQ+ website here:

lbgtq.mit.edu/resources
**DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR**

Drag Queen Story Hour is just what it sounds like: local drag queens reading stories to children. Drag Queen Story Hour captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity in childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 12 PM - 1:30 PM
Location: Trident Booksellers & Cafe, 338 Newbury St, Boston

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**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. Scholarships are also available! 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

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**ROLLING WITH ADVANTAGE**

Want to be a daring warrior? A cunning rogue? A powerful sorcerer? Join our table and tell a story together through roleplaying and gameplay through Dungeons and Dragons, a group for LGBTQ+ Youth of Color ages 13-25. Tand snacks will be provided. All experience levels are welcome, from beginners to veteran players!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Mondays, March - June
Time: 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Location: 75 Amory St, Jamaica Plains, MA - Boston

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**GLASS**

Desi Queer Diaspora Conference 2020
PARTNER ABUSE IN LGBQ AND/OR T COMMUNITIES
A training led by The Network/La Red (TNLR) which will provide an overview of healthy relationships vs. power, control, and abuse in intimate or dating relationships. This is organized by Spectrum, student led LGBTQIA group of the Boston College School of Social Work. Register Link - https://tinyurl.com/ts5wrsp

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Friday, March 13
Time: 12 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Boston College - O’Neill Library 248, 140 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill, MA

BOYTON GAYMERS
It is set to be a night of Board games, switch gaming, and good socializing. We are allowed to bring snacks to the Alley so we will have some food present. A DJ begins playing at 10PM so if you are tired of playing games by that point, you can transition it into a social.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Saturday, March 14
Time: 6 PM - 10 PM
Location: 14 PI Alley, Boston, MA 02108 - Alley Bar

FUN HOME: THE MUSICAL
Fun Home is a fiercely funny, and, at times heartbreaking, show about coming of age while growing up in the family-owned funeral home—the “fun home”. This groundbreaking new musical is based on Alison Bechdel’s best-selling graphic novel and memoir.

For Tickets - https://tinyurl.com/yx676b5a

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: March 13- March 29
Time: Various Showings & Times
Location: 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, MA 02061
QUEER SECRETS OF THE MFA

Come take a tour at the Museum of Fine Arts while learning about LGBTQIA secrets that you may / may not have noticed before.

Eventbrite Link for registration & more information - https://tinyurl.com/v6rl5d7

Cost- $17-$30

BLACK PRIDE & LATINX PRIDE MEETING

You are invited to be part of the 2020 committee for Black Pride and Latinx Pride! Join us to discover the various opportunities for involvement with our organization. All skills welcome as we gear up for Pride 2020, our 50th Anniversary!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wednesday, March 4
Time: 8 PM - 9:45 PM
Location: MFA, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

BAGLY’S DISABILITIES MEETING

BAGLY’s Disabilities meeting is a social support space for LGBTQ+ youth who are challenged by physical disabilities, mental disabilities, or neurodivergence. All LGBTQ+ youth who have any sort of condition which significantly effects their day-to-day life or ability to enjoy life who are ages 25 and under are welcome to join!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Monday, March 16
Time: 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: Codman Square House, 14 Euclid St, Boston, MA

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Every Tuesday of March
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: 28 Court Square Boston, MA 02108
**TRANSDUDES WITH LADY CANCER**
A free film screening and panel discussion of the experiences of transmasculine individuals within gendered medical systems. This screening and discussion is open to anyone interested in learning more, including trans and gender diverse individuals, their loved ones, and allies. Located at the Fenway Health Auditorium, 10th Floor.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Thursday, March 5  
Time: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM  
Location: 1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

**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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Saturday, March 21  
Time: 6 PM - 9 PM  
Location: 338 Newbury St, Boston, MA - Trident Bookstore

**SPEAKERS BUREAU**
Greater Boston PFLAG are currently looking for speakers to join our Speakers Bureau. We would particularly like to recruit students aged 30 and under to speak when we give presentations for a variety of audiences (schools, businesses, houses of worship, etc.). Speakers would be compensated for sharing their stories ($50 or $100 per engagement, depending on the length of time) and reimbursed for any travel expenses.

Email - zach@gbpflag.org for more information
Shorashim is a non-profit organization that specializes in Israel education and travel. This summer they are running a LGBTQ+ Israel Pride Experience. Participants get the chance to explore the greatest hits of Israel through an incredibly unique LGBTQ+ lens while experiencing the dynamic energy and diversity of the Israeli community. 

**Link:** [https://tinyurl.com/tjdofvb](https://tinyurl.com/tjdofvb)

**When and Where Is This?**
**Date:** June 7 - June 18  
**Location:** Israel

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Join #2020LOCS in an extraordinary event featuring powerful sessions and talks facilitated by and for LBTQ+ women, non-binary people of color and our allies.

**To Register & more info -**  
[https://tinyurl.com/tqz4ga7](https://tinyurl.com/tqz4ga7)

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Homoglobin is a nonprofit social welfare organization aiming to achieve equality for the LGBTQ community through education and healthcare reform. Currently, gay and bisexual men are deferred from donating blood for a year, and we, at Homoglobin, are dedicated to eliminating the blanket ban that doesn't take into account various sexual practices and risks. We are looking for folks to get involved as a campus ambassador for Homoglobin.

**For more information -**  
[https://www.homoglobin.org/](https://www.homoglobin.org/)
Beyond MIT

Boston Spirit holds our annual LGBT Business Networking Night. It’s a huge event with more than 1,000 attendees and more than 50 companies exhibiting. MANY of the companies that are exhibiting are also looking to hire. More information to come!

When and Where Is This?
Date: Thursday, April 30
Time: 6 PM - 9 PM
Location: Copley Marriott Hotel

When and Where Is This?
https://www.harvardlgbtqconference.org/
Date: March 27-March 28
Time: Check website for times
Location: 1515 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138

MEAN GHOULS!
Join Hasty Pudding Theatricals in a Drag Show about a journey to a grave new world! When bright-eyed teen MIAGHENSTAWORLD’s mom, DONNA DEDEAD, becomes a zombie, she and her detective brother, LUKE ACLUE, are forced to move to Transylvania. For tickets and more info - https://tinyurl.com/qu3ft7x

Date: Please click on link for dates
Time: Check website for times
Location: 12 Holyoke Street,
Cambridge, MA, Farkas Hall

When and Where Is This?
https://tinyurl.com/q3fh7x
Date: Check website for times
Location: 12 Holyoke Street,
Cambridge, MA, Farkas Hall

2020 LGBTQ+ Leadership Conference
At Harvard

Date: Please click on link for dates
Time: Please click on link for times
Location: 1515 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138

This year, the conference’s theme is: No One Left Behind. The conference presents a unique opportunity to amplify critical voices and perspectives that have been left behind by the LGBTQ+ movement. This conference will have workshops and trainings. For more information https://www.harvardlgbtqconference.org/
MTPC is looking for assistance for its Lived Equity Community Needs Assessment! MTPC would like to better understand the specific needs of gender creative, trans and non-binary youth, adults, elders and families in MA.

Please fill out the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivedEquity
Password: MTPC2020

**04U ENGINEERING CONFERENCE**

The Out for Undergrad Engineering Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN from Sept 11-13th. Round 1 Applications are due March 29th, 2020 @ 11:59PM ET. Flights and hotels are entirely covered! $90 registration fee, but fee waivers, discounts, payment plans are available!

https://www.outforundergrad.org/apply

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Sunday, March 29
Time: 11:59 PM ET
Location: N/A

**DRAG ON FIRE FUNDRAISER**

Drag on Fire is a charity fundraiser with amazing performances and food! This year’s MCs will be the Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. All proceeds donated to Youth on Fire, a shelter and resource center for homeless LGBTQ+ youth ages 14-24.

Tickets on FB and EB: https://www.facebook.com/events/1801025330031871/

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 7-10pm
Location: 808 Commonwealth Ave, Brookline, MA 02446
you are welcome here

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

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