

LBGTQ+ Services

March LBGTQ+

Newsletter

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Womxn's Heritage Month

Womxn's Heritage Month commemorates and encourages the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of womxn in American history.

We use the term "womxn" to explicitly state the diversity of contributions made beyond just cisgender (and heterosexual!) women, and these voices are often overlooked and marginalized within marginalized communities.

We see you. We hear you. We celebrate you

Trans Day of Visibility

TDoV is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Join LBGTQ+ Services on March 31st, 4-5pm EST for discussion, celebration, and the opportunity to sign-up to receive a TDoV celebration package. Package can include trans comic anthologies, affirming coloring books with colored pencils, chocolate from trans vendors, and more. mit.zoom.us/j/95135528874

LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Virtual Hangouts

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

Tuesday, March 9 | Mondays, March 15 & 29

1:00 - 3:00pm EST

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

QTPoC

Find out more information about zoom link and date on our website:

lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o

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!

Web Fam Fridays

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

Fridays March 12 & 26

6:00 - 8:00 pm EST

Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen on biweekly Fridays. It might be a movie, a game, a chat space, and more!

Check our social media pages or our website for more information:

lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o

Rainbow Lounge Hangout

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

Tuesday, March 9 & Mondays, March 15 & 29

1:00 - 3:00 PM EST

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.

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Twitter: @lbgtmit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Battle Scars by Meghan O'Brien

TAGS: Lesbian, Veteran, Disability

Ray McKenna returns from Iraq and relies on her therapy dog Jagger to help her through PTSD. When Ray walks into the North Coast Veterinary Clinic with Jagger, she and veterinarian, Dr. Carly Warner, begin a friendship that takes them both by surprise.

CARE WORK by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

TAGS: Disabled, Asian American

In their collection, Piepzna-Samarasinha explores the politics and realities of disability justice, a movement that centres the lives and leadership of sick and disabled queer, trans, Black, and brown people.

///LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates

Craftlace Crafterday Corner

URL: mit.zoom.us/j/96641952027

Friday, March 5

5:00 - 7:00 PM EST

Craft lace (sometimes called Gimp or Scoobies) are creative designs where you can make key chains, friendship bracelets, and advanced designs to have fun. Join Robert from LBGTQ+ Services and learn how to create some basic structures with your craft lace. Open to all in the MIT community.

QTPOC Hangout Space

URL: mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 - 7:00 PM EST

Come enjoy some time to relax, chat about what's going on in the world today, listen to music, eat some food and chill or just stop by and say hi! Join and hangout with your other MIT QTPOC community members.

QTPOC Game Night

URL: mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130

Wednesday, March 24

6:00 - 7:00 PM EST

Come join the Rainbow Lounge for a fun night. We'll play some classic games such as Bingo, Kahoot Trivia, Cards Against Humanity and more. There will also be prizes to win!

Rainbow Lounge Hangouts

URL: TBD

Tuesday, March 9, and Mondays, March 15 & 29

1:00 - 3:00 PM EST

Monday/Tuesday hangouts are run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers! Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more. This month's events include watching the movie Moxie (March 9), playing board games (March 15), and watching Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal (March 29).

Web Fam Fridays

URL: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

Fridays, March 12 & 26

6:00 - 8:00 PM EST

Join one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers in games, movies, TV shows, and more in this casual twice a month hangout. The goal of Web Fam Friday is to provide a relaxing social hangout for our community members. Come and hangout with old and new friends alike!

Trans Day of Visibility Discussion

URL: mit.zoom.us/j/95135528874

Wednesday, March 31

4:00 - 5:00 PM EST

Please join MIT's gender diverse and gender questioning community for Trans Day of Visibility in small and large group discussion facilitated by LGBTQ+ Services. Afterwards, participants can sign-up to receive a trans joy package.

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Black Feminist Health Science Studies Symposium

URL: RSVP at bit.ly/BFHSSS

Thursday, March 18

1:00 - 5:30 PM EST

The first Black Feminist Health Science Studies Symposium is an introduction to the field and collective that claim the name. Join the symposium to talk about the need to integrate Black feminism into science, medicine, technology, and health. Speakers include Moya Bailey and Ruha Benjamin.

Black Women & the Ivory Tower: Discovering & Maintaining Our Authentic Selves

URL: RSVP for Zoom link at tinyurl.com/MSKcareer21

Wednesday, March 31

12:00 - 1:30 PM EST

Join the Black Women's Association and My Sister's Keeper for their annual alumni panel to learn from MIT's black women alumni. Panelists include Joy Ekuta '13, Stephanie Espy '01, Kathryn Harris '12, and Kristala L.J. Prather '94.

The Isabelle de Courtivron Prize

URL: Get submission info and rules at tiny.cc/gslWriting

Due Wednesday, March 3

MIT Global Languages seeks undergraduate student writing submissions—creative or expository—on immigrant, diaspora, bicultural, bilingual, and/or mixed-race experiences for its annual Isabelle de Courtivron Prize. First place winner receives \$400 and second place receives \$100.

MIT Libraries Exhibit Call

URL: To contribute testimonies (and/or other materials) email mroliva@mit.edu

Mariana Roa Oliva and Maya Bjornson with MIT Libraries' Department of Distinctive Collections are developing virtual installations with narratives and discoveries of folks with underrepresented genders at MIT and in STEM. This is inclusive of women, trans women and men, and gender non-binary and non-conforming people.

Learn How to Thrive at MIT

URL: Watch at tinyurl.com/thriveMIT

MIT's Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life had chaplains put together a short video on how to thrive and make the most of your time at MIT. Watch advice from

Rev. Cody J. Sanders Special Advisor, LGBTQ+ Affairs and other chaplains as they share their knowledge.

Science Snippets: Physics of Particles, Trains, and the Universe

URL: Register at tinyurl.com/MITLibMarch9

Tuesday, March 9

4:30 - 6:00 PM EST

Ever curious what goes on behind lab doors? Join us for short talks by MIT researchers designed for people with little or no previous background in the topics. The audience will be able to ask questions to speakers Ahmed A. Taimiyu, Edwin Pedrozo Penafiel, and Rachel Yang.

AAI Zine Submission

URL: Submit at bit.ly/aaizine

Due Sunday, March 21

MIT AAI is looking to feature stories from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the second issue of our zine series Rooted. They are looking for art, from visual to written, including photography, illustration, short stories and more revolving around the themes of solitude, solidarity, and boundaries.

MIT Awards

URL: Submit at awards.mit.edu/nominate and for the Kellet award at tinyurl.com/Kellet47

Due Friday, March 26

Nominations for the 2021 Awards Convocation are open! In particular nominate someone for 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 the LGBT community.

Register for the GCWS Conference "Radical Love Across Difference"

URL: Registration + info at tinyurl.com/GCWSRadical

Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 11

By using a praxis of love to highlight the struggles toward liberation, we approach what hooks suggests is a culture of refusing systems of domination. This conference seeks to explore the role radical love plays in health crises, climate change, and further social justice movements.

LCC Spring Semester Social

URL: RSVP at tinyurl.com/LCCS21RSVP & join mit.zoom.us/j/8057565284

Thursday, March 21

6:00 - 7:00 PM EST

The Latino Cultural Center is hosting their spring semester social. Join them for a time to connect, relax and play some games. The first 20 students to RSVP will get an UberEats voucher. Deadline to RSVP is Wednesday March 3 at midnight.

Lecture on Campus Racism

URL: RSVP at tiny.cc/BLACKBALLED

Monday, March 8

3:00 - 4:00 PM EST

MIT IFC and Panhel cordially invites MIT affiliated members to BLACKBALLED, a lecture on campus racism by author and speaker Lawrence Ross who wrote Blackballed and The Divine Nine, and has lectured at hundreds of college campuses across the nation. Admission is free to all MIT students.

Jamal Khashoggi Fellowships

URL: Submit a cover letter and CV to John Tirman at tirman@mit.edu

Due Monday, March 8 at 5:00 PM EST

Center for International Studies is offering Khashoggi Fellowships to undergraduate and graduate students. The fellowship offers volunteer research opportunities to develop and implement a survey to evaluate top industrial nations in helping or hurting democracy within the MENA region.

The 40 Year-Old Version at Women Take the Reel

*Each year in March, the GCWS hosts a film festival, Women Take the Reel (WTTR), highlighting films directed by women on issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality studies. Join us for a screening of The Forty Year-Old Version on **Friday March 19 at 7:00 PM** at mit.zoom.us/j/96249216669. Then join us for a panel discussion **Monday March 22 at 4:30 PM** at mit.zoom.us/j/94104436406.*

13th at Women Take the Reel

*Each year in March, the GCWS hosts a film festival, Women Take the Reel (WTTR), highlighting films directed by women on issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality studies. Join us for a screening of the documentary 13th on **Saturday March 20 at 7:00 PM** at mit.zoom.us/j/96775784646. Then join us for a panel discussion **Thursday March 25 at 4:30 PM** at mit.zoom.us/j/93509899378.*

Boston's LGBTQ Past

**URL: Learn more & RSVP at tinyurl.com/MITACo420
Tuesday, April 20
4:00 PM EST**

A gay and lesbian culture flourished in Boston, in private homes, the theatre, coffee houses, the baths, and of course, bars. We will follow the footsteps of gay and lesbian friends from the 1840s to the 1980s. Stick around after the presentation for a Q&A with Boston by Foot's expert guide! Tickets free for MIT community.

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Virtual LGBTQ Grad Student Dinner with Alumni

ULL: Register at tinyurl.com/GradMarch3

Wednesday, March 3
6:30 - 8:00 PM EST

LGBT Grad and MIT Alumni Association are hosting a virtual gathering with Tracy Washington PhD '13, PD '14 and Sam Brinton SM '14, who both serve on the board of BGLATA, Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumnx. Space is limited for the event.

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WorkFair

URL: Learn more at mygwork.com/workfair

Wednesday, March 24
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST

WorkFair is a virtual career fair for LGBTQ+ graduates and professionals. During WorkFair, students and graduates can send their CV to companies, book interviews with recruiters and attend skills webinars (VC writing, Public Speaking, Job search, etc).

LGBTQ College Health, One Year into the Pandemic

URL: Survey is at tinyurl.com/4oz7t1dw

Researchers and LGBTQ student leaders at Vanderbilt University are inviting LGBTQ students to participate in a brief survey that will document and identify the needs of LGBTQ college one year into the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a chance to win an Amazon giftcard.

SDSU Pride Center

URL: Sign up at tiny.cc/pridePal

San Diego State University's Pride Center Pen Pal-ing Program is looking to connect Queer and Trans students from across the state and country via letter writing and occasional virtual meetings. The commitment entails writing one letter a month, three-four (3-4) total. And participating in two virtual Zoom sessions spanning a total of two (2) hours.

National Student Leadership Diversity Convention

URL: Register at tiny.cc/MillerNSLDC

Saturday, April 10

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST

Join the Miller Institute for the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention. For \$149, registration includes access to the virtual workshops, roundtables, and presentations. The speakers include Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Christopher C. Irving, Jose Luis Posos, and Ayannah Johnson.

Black Identity Study

URL: Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/DBSResearchStudy and reach out with questions to DBSStudy2020@gmail.com

Prof. Carpenter at Appalachian State University is conducting a study on how Black undergrad and grad students relate to their university environment and racial identity. The study includes a short survey and optional Zoon interview. People who complete an interview will be gifted a \$20 Amazon giftcard.

My Name (is Joana)

URL: Watch the video tiny.cc/NameJoana

Flight or Visibility has just premiered their debut music video “My Name (is Joanna).” Offering a perfect antidote to the overly-commercialized, cis-heteronormative mass marketing of Valentine’s Day, this celebration of self love showcases queer power and community. The video features Rafael Natan and Guadalupe Campos.

Circle of Change First Gen Student Virtual Career Leadership Experience

URL: Learn more tinyurl.com/CircleChange

Friday, April 9 - Saturday, April 10

Over this two day virtual career leadership experience, first generation students will not only hear from professionals and participate in specific programs designed to meet the career readiness needs of first generation students. Registration is \$99.

The Circle of Becoming

URL: Learn more & RSVP at tinyurl.com/CircleBecoming

Tuesday, March 2

7:30 - 8:30 PM EST

*Playwright V, songwriter Justin Tranter, and actor Idina Menzel share music and stories about the development of *The Circle of Becoming*, a new musical fairy tale about a teenage girl and her posse whose determination to save the planet endows them with powers they never knew they had.*

QTPOC Research Study

URL: Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/Spalding-QTPOC and email dhutsell@spalding.edu with questions

David Hutsell at Spalding is looking for people to participate in a brief online survey that aims to learn more about the experiences of LGBTQ+ people of color (POC) who use dating/social applications (“apps” or “hookup apps”), including how they navigate instances of racism on said apps.

Survey for Application for the LGBT+ Community

URL: Complete the survey at tinyurl.com/WPILGBT and email gr-berlin-mqp-2021@wpi.edu with more questions

A student project team at Worcester Polytechnic Institute is raising awareness on issues surrounding unequal access to important LGBT+ resources, as not all access is created equal in the United States. They're collecting survey responses that will be used to help their application design.

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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