LBGTQ+ SERVICES

OCTOBER 2021

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
Hello everyone,

It’s wonderful to be back on campus (and socially distant!) to meet new students, greet old ways, and have the Rainbow Lounge active on campus again. Flip through our newsletter or check on our website for the digital, hybrid, and in person events we have for LBGTQ+ Heritage Month and awareness days such as: Asexual Awareness Week, Intersex Awareness Day, International Lesbian Day, Pronouns Day, and more.

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

Office Hours

Stop by Lauryn’s office in 50-256 if the door is open for drop-ins, or make an appointment: lmcnair@mit.edu

MEET THE TEAM

LBGTQ+ Services has two new LBGTQ+ Graduate Assistants! You can read their bios online here: lbgtq.mit.edu/about-lbgtqmit

Val Upton
(She/They)
Virtual GA

Nayaab Kazmi
(She/Her)
On Campus GA

RL HOURS

Monday - Friday: 12 - 6pm EDT

LBGTQ+ Student leaders can have extended tap access for their groups! Email: lbgt@mit.edu
**WHAT IS QTPOC?**

QTPOC is for queer and trans people of color at MIT to hang out with each other twice a month, chat, watch movies, play games, and have support on zoom.

Feel free to stop by the Rainbow Lounge, as well and bring friends!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Biweekly on Mondays (excluding holidays)
Time: 7 - 8 pm EST
Location: [https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310](https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310)

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**WHO IS THIS FOR?**

Queer Student Leader Chats are a time for the leaders of our multiple queer student groups to gather, mingle and brainstorm.

This will take place every first Friday of the month

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: October 8th
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH LBGTQ+ BOOK RECS.**

**JULIET TAKES A BREATH**  
by Gabby Rivera  

**DESCRIPTION:** Juliet just came out to her family and isn’t sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But Juliet has a plan, sort of, one that’s going to help her figure out this whole “Puerto Rican lesbian” thing.

**TAGS:** Latina, Fiction, Queer Woman

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**BORN BOTH: AN INTERSEX LIFE**  
by Hida Viloria  

**DESCRIPTION:** People from one of the world’s foremost intersex activists, a candid, provocative, and eye-opening memoir of gender identity, self-acceptance, and love.

**TAGS:** Gender, Intersex, Latino/a, Latinx, Memoir
**COMING OUT DAY SOCK CRAFT**

There are few things more fun than decorating socks with creativity and pride! Join us in the rainbow lounge to design your socks and meet some pretty cool folks.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, October, 8th  
**Time:** 1 - 4 pm EST  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

Coming out stories empower those who are looking for ways to express themselves. In honor of National Coming Out Day, we will be sharing our coming out stories on our media. All participants that share will receive a token of appreciation from the Rainbow Lounge (50-250).

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Monday, October, 4th - Monday, October, 11th  
**Time:**  
**Location:** Email your stories to vupton@mit.edu

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**LBGTQ+ COMING OUT PARTY**

Join LBGTQ+ Services on Kresge under the tent for celebration, food, giveaways, music, and more. This is a time for folks to come together, find community and celebrate our identities and journeys.  
Everyone at MIT is welcome to drop by and attend.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 12th  
**Time:** 4:00 - 7:00pm EDT EST  
**Location:** Kresge Lawn (Rain out: Rainbow Lounge in 50-250)
COMING OUT VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

Join us for a virtual community discussion about coming out and celebrate the joys, challenges, and the resilience associated with coming out. This event is for all at MIT, regardless of disclosure, faculty/staff and students alike.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, October, 14th
Time: 7 - 8 pm EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310

INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN DAY: MOVIE VIEWING: FEAR STREET - PART ONE 1994

Drop by the Rainbow Lounge (50-250) to celebrate International Lesbian Day and meet some amazing people, enjoy a Lesbian slasher film! Popcorn provided.

Movie Warnings: Language, blood, sexual scenes.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Friday, October, 8th
Time: 5 - 7 pm EST
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

INTERNATIONAL PRONOUNS DAY

International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Drop by all day to make buttons, grab a flag, and connect with others.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, October, 20th
Time: 1 - 5 pm EST
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
**LBGTQ+ Services Updates**

**Intersex Awareness Day**

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to find our book recommendations to celebrate Intersex Awareness Day! We will having button making, book recommendations, resources, and good vibes.

** WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 26  
**Time:** 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**Ace Awareness Week Halloween Spooky Crafts and Community Building**

Come join us in the Rainbow Lounge to celebrate Ace Awareness Week in style with a spooky crafts, snacks and other fun autumnal activities.

** WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, October 29  
**Time:** 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**MIT Medical: AMA LBGTQ+ Edition**

Providers from MIT Medical will discuss information about various services available to LBGTQ+ students, and answer your questions about getting care at MIT Medical. Discussion from 5:00 - 6:00. Grab and go dinner served from 6:00 - 6:30pm.

** WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, October 21  
**Time:** 5:00 - 6:30 pm EST  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge/Pritchett 50-250
Happening at MIT: For All

Mit Reads: Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus
Come join a small group discussions on the book, open to all! One over zoom and one in person

When and Where is this?
Date: Wednesday, October 6
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Location: Zoom
https://tinyurl.com/8emwue8

Mit Policy Hackathon 2021: Connecting through Challenges!
Interested in data-driven policy? Want to work in teams on pressing issues posed by partner organizations? Apply to the MIT Policy Hackathon 2021: Connecting through Challenges!
mitpolicyhackathon.org

When and Where is this?
Date: October 22-24
Location: Hybrid format

Weekends@MIT Initiative
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
Join us for a small group discussion of Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power and Assault on Campus, with a focus on how it impacts the graduate student community.

Listen to MIT Alumni share their experiences negotiating either as a candidate or a hiring manager. Hear advice on the salary negotiation process, and on how you can assess whether your offer is equitable.

Register: tinyurl.com/ynek6vk8

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Date:** Friday, October 8  
**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:00PM  
**Location:** Z14S-130, Nexus, Hayden Library

Come hear Dr. Sekazi Mtingwa ‘71, founding member of the MIT Black Student Union, renowned physicist share his perspective on mentoring. For his mentorship of students, Dr. Mtingwa received the 2017 U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence

Register: tinyurl.com/ywwj54wu

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13  
**Time:** 6:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Location:** Zoom, register for link
Beyond MIT

**A Qualitative Study on the Global Pandemic’s Impact on LGBTQ+ College Students Accessing and Utilizing Supports. [UMASS BOSTON]**

The goal of this project is to get a deeper understanding of the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ undergraduate college students in finding and using support services during COVID-19 and remote learning.

Interested? Please complete the eligibility survey at: tinyurl.com/cdewe58y

**Gender-Affirming Therapy Study. [MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL]**

The study will help us to understand how Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy influences the brain, emotion, and memory. Participants will be compensated up to $400 for this study and transportation to campus costs can be reimbursed.

Contact: pedreira@mgh.harvard.edu if you have any questions
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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