

LBGTQ+ Services

October LBGTQ+

NEWSLETTER

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///WELCOME

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

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

Mondays: 3 - 5 pm EST

Tuesdays: 12-2 pm EST

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

QTPoC

Zoom Link: <https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310>

Dates: Biweekly on Mondays (except holidays)

Times: 7-8pm EST

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!

Queer Student Leaders Chat

Location: *Rainbow Lounge (50-250)*

Dates: Friday, October 8

Times: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

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

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///**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October LGBTQ+ Book Recs.

Juliet Takes a Breath by Gabby Rivera

TAGS: Latina, Fiction, Queer Women

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.

Born Both: An Intersex Life by Hida Vioria

TAGS: Gender, Latino/a, Latinx, Memoir

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.

///**LGBTQ+ Services Programs and Updates**

Coming Out Socks Craft

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Friday, October 8

Times: 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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.

Social Media Campaign

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Monday, October 4 - Monday, October 11

Send Submissions: vupton@mit.edu

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).

LBGTQ+ Coming Out Day Party

Location: Kresge Lawn (Rain out: Rainbow Lounge in 50-250)

Dates: Tuesday, October 12th

Times: 4:00PM - 7:00PM

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.

Coming Out Virtual Discussion

Location: mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310

Dates: Thursday, October, 14th

Times: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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.

International Lesbian Day- Movie Viewing Party: Fear Street: Part One 1994

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Friday, October, 8th

Times: 1:00 - 5:00 pm EST

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.

Pronouns Day

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Wednesday, October, 20th

Times: 1:00 - 5:00 pm EST

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.

Intersex Awareness Day

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Tuesday, October, 26th

Times: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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

Ace Awareness Week: Halloween Movie Viewing Party

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Dates: Friday, October, 2nd

Times: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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

MIT Medical AMA: LBGTQ+ Edition

Location: Thursday, October 21

Dates: Thursday, October 21

Times: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

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.

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MIT Reads: Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power and Assault on Campus

Location: Zoom (Register: <https://tinyurl.com/8emwue8>)

Dates: Wednesday, October 6

Times: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Nexus, Hayden Library, 14S-100

Dates: Thursday, October 7

Times: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Come join a small group discussions on the book, open to all! One over zoom and one in person

MIT Policy Hackathon 2021: Connecting Through Challenges!

Location: Hybrid Event

Dates: October 22 - October 24

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

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

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Sexual Citizens: Graduate Student Discussion

Location: Z14S-130, Nexus, Hayden Library

Dates: Friday, October 8

Times: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

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.

MIT CAPD: Demystifying the Salary Negotiation Process

Location: Zoom (Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ynek6vk8>)

Dates: Wednesday, October 13

Times: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

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.

MIT CAPD: Mentoring Perspectives from Dr. Sekazi Mtingwa

Location: Zoom (Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ywwj54wu>)

Dates: Wednesday, October 13

Times: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

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

///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 colleges students in finding and using support services during COVID-19 and remote learning.

Interested? Please complete the eligibility survey at:

https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XgnSCeofwLwAw6

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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