A BIG HELLO to another year at MIT, and a special welcome to the new people joining our community!

You are about to enter the new academic year, and with that comes the chance to face new challenges and opportunities. Never get scared of these challenges, as they are all part of the learning process. Instead, always welcome the chance to try new things. Exploring new things is all part of the college experience and we hope that we in the Rainbow Lounge can help you along this journey.
Welcome

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Re-Introduction because I know ya'll were busy this summer not looking at emails. (AS IT SHOULD BE)

My name is Jeremy Torres and I’m excited for what this academic year will bring.
A bit about me, is I identify as 1st Generation, Queer, and Puerto Rican. Prior to MIT I was at University of Vermont serving as a residence director for the university’s cultural crossroads living learning community. I was responsible for overseeing the development and maintenance of a diverse student community. In my role, I also helped students in creating diverse and welcoming spaces, including a gay and transgender fraternity council and lead our Black and Indigenous people of color student affairs programs affinity spaces and facilitated anti-racism spaces.

**Fast Facts:** NYC is Home
I’ve had many friends on RuPaul Drag Race
Plant parent to 9 plants
Lived in 4 States
Bi-lingual (English and Spanish)

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

Office Hours
Office hours for the LBGTQ+ Services
Assistant Director, Jeremy Torres
(he/they) by email: ejtorres@mit.edu

R L HOURS
Open Everyday via Tap Access
Programs and student staff available
11 am - 7 pm
Email: lbgt@mit.edu
Elizabeth Beier chronicles true-life romantic tales as she breaks up with a long-term boyfriend and navigates a brave new world: dating women. Beier tackles the complexities of sexuality and self image with a conversational and immediate art style and stories anyone who's ever struggled with dating can relate to.

Inga Muscio, author of Cunt Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She 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."
**RAINBOW COMPASS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Sign up by 9/23 at tinyurl.com/RLMentor22

Want to be a mentor? Want to be a Mentee? Submit your application and join the journey of community support. Open to all LBGTQ+ Faculty, Staff, Alumnx, and current Students.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Time:** Sign Up by September 23rd

**Location:**

https://tinyurl.com/y9d6f6ck

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**LBGTQ+ & WXGS OPEN HOUSE**

Come join us at the Rainbow Lounge to welcome you all to campus and the space. Meet the folx that run LBGTQ+ & Women and Gender Services (WXGS).

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, September 8th

**Time:** 12 - 6:00 pm

**Location:** Walker Lawn 12-3:00 pm

3:00-6:00 pm Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**QTPOC STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF MIXER**

Share space and mingle with QTPOC Faculty, Staff and Students. Stop by for some Ice cream and learn who is in the community.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, September 16th

**Time:** 12 - 1:30 pm

**Location:** Walker Lawn Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
**LBGTQ+ SERVICES SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS**

**BUTTON MAKING AND CRAFTS**

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to make some crafts and jewelry (beads, charms, etc.)

Free flags and button making.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, September 15th  
**Time:** 3-6:00 pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**LBGTQ+ ALUMNX WELCOME**

Please join us in person or virtually as we welcome LBGTQ+ Alumnx on campus. Enjoy light refreshments while you get to know Alumnx members.

*Registration Required*

[https://tinyurl.com/5cekzxsn](https://tinyurl.com/5cekzxsn)

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wed, September 28th  
**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30m  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge and Zoom

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**QUEER TALKS SERIES: BISEXUALI-TEA**

Join us at the Rainbow Lounge for a critical conversation on Bisexuality, Pansexuality, and Omnisexuality.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, September 22nd  
**Time:** 5 - 6pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Nothing beats movies and popcorn in the Rainbow Lounge every other week on Fridays, to close out the week. Stop by and enjoy our featured films, while meeting new people.

New and current movies shown on Netflix, Amazon, and Disney+.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, September 23rd  
**Time:** 5-7pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
JOIN THE SPXCE ADVISORY BOARD

SPXCE (Social Justice Programming and Cross Cultural Engagement) is seeking undergraduate and graduate student representatives from cultural, LBGTQ+, and identity-based groups. The Advisory Board is a way for student leaders from various clubs and orgs to learn from one another, collaborate on programming, voice student interest around needs/topics/concerns to SPXCE, and create a stronger network of student groups.

Deadline to RSVP: September 30, 2022
https://tinyurl.com/m57x582e

JOIN US!
OMP FALL OPEN HOUSE

TACO BAR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
3-5 PM
SPXCE W31-110

RSVP TODAY!

Kick off another school year with us! Learn about upcoming events, leadership opportunities and resources the OMP has to offer. Free food will be provided. Bring a friend or two!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday September 9th
Time: 3-5 pm
Location: W31-110
Please join WGS for a screening of a Haitian film that follows the life of a young woman challenged with the difficult choice to either leave her home or seek change within it. Afterward, we will be in conversation with director Gessica Généus.

Date: Thursday, September 28th
Time: 6-9:30 pm
Location: Blackman Auditorium in Ell Hall, 342 Huntington Ave, Boston
HAPPENING AT MIT: FOR ALL

BELOW THE BELT FILM SCREENING + PANEL DISCUSSION
From societal taboos and gender bias to misinformed doctors and profit-driven healthcare, the film reveals how millions of people with endometriosis are effectively silenced.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wed, September 14th
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: 10-250
Tickets: https://tinyurl.com/trrac6c4

OPEN HOUSE FOR MIT REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ACTIVISTS
A dinner meeting with brief opening remarks from campus thought-leaders followed by roundtable discussions and dinner.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, September 15th
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Library Nexus 14S-130
info TBA on WGS website: http://wgs.mit.edu/events-all

WHY I AM PRO-CHOICE (WITH SOME PRO-LIFE SYMPATHIES): TOWARDS A WAY FORWARD A TALK GIVEN BY PROFESSOR BERTHA MANNINEN
Prof. Manninen will defend a pro-choice perspective using both utilitarian and Kantian considerations. Additionally, they are argue some pro-life concerns that pro-choice advocates should take seriously, and she hopes such conversation can pave the way for some type of convergence between the two sides.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wed, September 20th
Time: 4 pm
Location: 4-136
MIT Queer Grad Extravaganza

Are you: 
A queer? 
A nerd? 

Yes! Honestly, slay

Join LGBT+ Grad@MIT for a classic kiki

Food will be served and you will have ate (RSVP only for food)

MIT Queer Grad Extravaganza

September 5th, 7-10 PM
Rainbow Lounge

Please join us Monday, September 5th from 7-10 PM the Rainbow Lounge for our annual queer orientation event! While this event is officially a part of Grad Student Orientation, this event is open to all members of the LGBTQ+ Grad/Post-Doc community (incoming and current) RSVP
https://tinyurl.com/2v4szvbz

Learn from all office and resources that are here for you at MIT.

Graduate Student Resource Fair

Tuesday, September 6th, 12-2pm
Johnson Rink, W34

TGNC Hangout

September 14th, 6:00 PM
Rainbow Lounge at Walker Memorial

TGNC hangout for trans, gender non-conforming/questioning grad students and post-docs (incoming and current)

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ACRONYMS IN OUR NEWSLETTERS

There’s a lot of acronyms at MIT and we use a lot of them for character length in our newsletter. However, you might not be familiar with every one. Our of our readers had a great suggestion of including a key at the end of the newsletter and here it is so folks can know what everything means.

If you have any suggestions for our newsletter then don’t hesitate to reach out at: lbgt@mit.edu.

- **LBGTQ+** - Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer Plus
- **ORSEL** - Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life
- **QTPhD** - Queer and Trans PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- **QTPoC** - Queer and Trans People of Color
- **VPR** - Violence Prevention & Response
- **SAAM** - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- **WXGS** - Women and Gender Services
- **WGS** - Women and Gender Studies
- **OMP** - Office of Multicultural Programs
- **SPXCE** - Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement
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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