

# **LBGTQ+ Services**

## **September 2022 LBGTQ+**

### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **///WELCOME**

A Rainbow is a welcome thing

**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.**

## **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 LBGT+ Services Assistant Director, Jeremy Torres (he/they) by email: [ejtorres@mit.edu](mailto:ejtorres@mit.edu)

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

Open Everyday via Tap Access

Programs and student staff available

11 am - 7 pm Email: [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)

## **///Follow us on social media**

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**Instagram:** @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

## **///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### September LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

**Big Book of Bisexual trials and errors** by Elizabeth Beier

TAGS: [Bisexual, Comic, Memoir, Queer Women

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.

**Juliet Takes a Breath** by Gabby Rivera

TAGS: Latinx, fiction, lesbian, queer women, *women of color*

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."

# **///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming**

## Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program

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.

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

***Location: <https://tinyurl.com/y9d6f6ck>***

## 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).

***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)***

## QTPOC Faculty, Staff, Student Mixer

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

***Date: Friday, September 16th***

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

***Location: Walker Lawn Rainbow Lounge (50-250)***

## LBGTQ+ Button Making & Crafts

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

***Date: Thursday, September 15th***

***Time: 3-6:00 pm***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)***

## 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/5cekzxsx>

***Date: Wed, September 28th***

***Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30m***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge and Zoom***

## Queer Talks Series: Bisexuali-TEA

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

***Date: Thursday, September 22nd Time: 5 - 6pm***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250***

## Bi-Weekly Friday Movie Nights

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+.

***Date: Friday, September 23rd Time: 5-7pm***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)***

## ///**@HAPPENING AT MIT FOR ALL**

### 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>**

### OMP Fall Open House Taco Bar

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!

***Date: Friday September 9th***

***Time: 3- 5 pm***

***Location: W31-110***

## Class Registration WGS.250J / 21L.481J. HIV/AIDS in American Culture: Black Lives and Queer Bodies

**Questions? Contact Dr. Joaquín Terrones ([jsterron@mit.edu](mailto:jsterron@mit.edu))**

### My Sister's Keeper Kickoff Picnic

This event is only for MSK members only

***Date: Wed, September 7th***

***Time: 12pm***

***Location: Eastman Court***

### Freda film screening

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 Génés.

***Date: Thursday, September 28th***

***Time: 6-9:30 pm***

***Location: lackman Auditorium in Ell Hall, 342 Huntington Ave, Boston***

## 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.

***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.

***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 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.

***Date: Wed, September 20th***

***Time: 4 pm***

***Location: 4-136***

## **///@MIT FOR GRADS**

### **Mit Queer Grad Extravaganza**

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>***

***Date: Monday September 5th***

***Time: 7- 10 pm***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge***

### **Graduate Student Resource Fair**

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

***Date: Tuesday, September 6th***

***Time: 12-2pm***

***Location: Johnson Rink, W34***

## TNGC HANGout

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

***Date: Wed September 14th***

***Time: 6:00 pm***

***Location: Rainbow Lounge***

## **///**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 everyone. One 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](mailto: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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[Lbgtq.mit.edu](http://Lbgtq.mit.edu)  
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