

# LBGTQ+ Services

## March LBGTQ+

### NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

### U R A QT Pi

*What up everyone? It is March and you know what that means! Yup. Pi Day (and Pie Day) and also LBGTQ+ Services fundraising for Pre-Pi Day. More information on that event in the Happening at MIT: For All section.*

*March is also Womxn's Heritage Month. Check SPXCE of the RL for book recs, our figures series, and more.*

*It's also Trans Day of Visibility which is a time for celebration and uplifting others.*

*We hope you enjoy this newsletter and come to some events and build community!*

### New Yawh Cards

*Also! Some exciting new news. LBGTQ+ Services is rolling out new You Are Welcome Here Cards. The next page in the "Welcome Cont." section has the graphic for the two new cards.*

*Black: These cards are for those who have gone through an LBGTQ+ Services two hour best practices training. Check the SPXCE website for more information on how to sign up.*

*White: Are for people who haven't gone through an LBGTQ+ best practices training but want an updated YAWH card which includes racial diversity. You can pick up the white cards by visiting SPXCE or the Rainbow Lounge.*

## SPXCE Hours

Mondays - Fridays: 10:00am - 8:00 pm

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

**Mondays 12-7PM**  
**Tuesday 2:30-7PM**  
**Wednesdays 12-7PM**  
**Thursdays 1:30-7PM**  
**Fridays 12-7PM**

## Kellett '47 Award

*Nominate someone for the Kellett Award.*

*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, improving the experience of lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender (LBGT), and questioning individuals. The award honors Mr. Kellett, whose spirited support has enabled significant improvements in the lives of members of MIT's LBGT community.*

*Have someone you think would be great to nominate? Submit your nominations and learn more about the award by going to the website here:*

*[awards.mit.edu/awards/john-s-w-kellett-47-award](https://awards.mit.edu/awards/john-s-w-kellett-47-award)*

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

Lazos: A Place at the Table for TQPOC and Allies of Color

**W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center**

**[DATE]**

**5:00 - 7:00pm**

*“Lazo” is one of several Spanish language terms for “bow”, referencing the latter half of “rainbow” as well as the identities and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Have you ever felt like you weren’t “----- enough”? Or like you were “too -----” around people of your same sexual orientation? Have you thought that your experiences felt different than people of other genders? Come kick it with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color who work to bring an open-minded, caring, and respectful sense of community to MIT. We look forward to seeing you!*

First Year Dinners

**50-250, Rainbow Lounge**

**Every Friday**

**6:00 - 7:00pm**

*Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly First Year dinners for our LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students (ugrad and grad), reclaiming a sense of community.*

QLAB: Queer & LBGT Advisory Board

**50-250, Rainbow Lounge**

**On hold for now!**

*Q-LAB is going to be on hold for the spring semester as we work to revamp it and make it a great consistent event for students! Be on the lookout for more information in the future around focus groups.*

Interested in shaping Q-LAB? Email Lauryn McNair ([lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu))

## **///Follow Us on Social Media**

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgmtmit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

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

### March LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Dirty River by Leah Piepzna-Samarasinha

TAGS: Queer Women, Disabilities, South Asian

A story about a Queer Woman who ran away from America where she discovered queer anarchopunk love and revolution, yet remained haunted by the reasons she left home in the first place.

Surpassing Certainty by Janet Mock

TAGS: Women of Color, Transgender

A portrait of a young woman searching for her purpose and place in the world—without a road map to guide her.

## **///@MIT FOR ALL**

### Pre-Pi Day Challenge

*Pi-Day Giving Website*

*Friday, March 13th*

*All Day*

*Support LBGTQ+ Services for a pre-Pi Day celebration on March 12! if we receive 50 donations, Eric Reiner `83 will donate \$5,000, and if we receive 100 donations, then it will be \$10,000!*

*Be on the lookout for the link to donate.*

## **AA/PI Movie Night**

***SPXCE (W31-110)***

***Thursday, March 19th***

***4PM-6PM / 16:00-18:00***

*Join us to watch Mulan, eat snacks, and be in community with one another! While Mulan is a character who is full of strength and empowered, we will be creating empowerment boards!*

## **Trans Day of Visibility**

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

***Tuesday, March 31st***

***1PM - 6PM / 13:00 - 18:00***

*Please join us at the Rainbow Lounge with button making, snacks, pins, book recommendations, and more to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility!*

## **The Cost of Code Switching**

***Bush Room & SPXCE***

***Monday, March 16th***

***Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM / 11:30 - 13:30 Evening 5PM - 7PM / 17:00 - 19:00***

*A workshop with Courtney L. McCluney, PhD. Each section will be a stand-alone workshop. Lunch is open to MIT community members, while the evening section will be geared toward students. Register for lunch (11:30am - 1:30pm Bush Room) or evening section in SPXCE (5-7pm). Lunch session - <https://tinyurl.com/sjgglrv>*

Evening session - <https://tinyurl.com/s9nzby4>

## Warrior Women

**Bartos Theatre (E15)**

**Thursday, March 12**

**6:30 PM / 18:30**

*Women Take The Reel: Warrior Women explores the life of Lakota activist and community organizer Madonna Thunder Hawk, who has fought for Indigenous and women's rights from AIM to DAPL. Co-sponsored by AISES, ICEO, IPAC, and LIST. Followed by Q&A with director Elizabeth A. Castle*

## Black Women & The Ivory Tower

**Twenty Chimneys (W20-306)**

**Wednesday, March 11th**

**See Description**

*The title of this panel is "Maintaining and Discovering our Authentic Selves." Please join us for either session at our annual My Sister's Keeper Alumnae Career Panel. Session 1: 11:30am-12pm: Networking Reception 12-1pm: Panel Session 2: 1-2pm Panel 2:00-2:30pm: Networking Reception*

## T-Time: A Trans, GNC, GQ, GNB Group

**Reach out to us ([lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)) for location**

**Tuesday, March 3rd (postponed!) & Thursday, March 19th**

**Reach out to us ([lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)) for time**

*A group for transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and genderqueer folk to come together, chat, make plans, and share resources.*

*For more information email [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)*

## Creative Living & Self-Care On Campus

**5-134**

**Wednesday, March 8th**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM / 16:00 - 18:00**

*My Sister's Keeper workshop: Creative Living and Self-Care on Campus. Co-facilitated by WGS post-doc Misty De Berry and Prof. Helen Elaine Lee. Please RSVP to [wgs@mit.edu](mailto:wgs@mit.edu).*

## Poppin Polish

**Rainbow Lounge (50-250)**  
**Monday, March 9**  
**5:30-8:00 PM / 17:30-20:00**

*An event in the Rainbow Lounge where you can get your nails painted with halal nail polish. Boba will be served!*

## Brave Women of Color in Academics

**4-370**  
**Monday, March 2**  
**4:00PM / 16:00**

*A discussion based around the book "Counternarratives From Women of Color Academics: Bravery, Vulnerability, & Resistance. Moderated by: Saida Grundy*

## Save the Date: RISE Awards

**Walker Memorial, Morss Hall**  
**Monday, May 4th**  
**12 PM - 1:30 PM / 12:00 - 13:30**

*Please celebrate with us for the MIT R.I.S.E. (Recognizing Individuals Supporting Equity) Awards. This ceremony is a way to recognize and uplift students, staff, and faculty who have contributed to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts on campus in one huge celebration.*

## MIT Reads: There There

*The spring selection for the Libraries' MIT Reads program will be Tommy Orange's There There. The book was chosen in collaboration with the newly formed Indigenous Peoples Advocacy Committee.*

For more details on the Spring event: <https://libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/>

## Technologies of Resistance

**77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA**

**Saturday, April 4th**

**1PM - 6PM / 13:00 - 18:00**

*We will explore the following topics as they relate to feminisms, futures, and technologies: Femmetech and Ecofeminisms, Pedagogies of Resistance Technology as political resistance, Archiving and Feminist Futures. For more information -*

<https://tinyurl.com/uz99vgt>

## Save the Date: Rainbow Lounge Birthday Party

**Monday, April 6**

**4-6PM/16:00-18:00**

**Rainbow Lounge (50-250)**

*The Rainbow Lounge is turning 2 years old. Save the date so you can enjoy music, games, party favors, cake, and more in celebration of the event.*

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

### Grad Resources Page

You talked and we listened! In April there was a graduate meeting to talk about hopes, needs, and support specifically focused on graduate students. Find out more about the page by going to our "Stay Connected" tab under the "Graduate Student Opportunities" section.



The full web address is:

<https://lbgtq.mit.edu/stay-connected/graduate-student-resources>

LBGTQ+ Services will also include a grad specific section for students to advertise grad programs in the newsletter. Email **lmcnair@mit.edu** if you would like your event advertised in a future newsletter.

## Pride Welcome Breakfast

**Allen Room (36-462)**

**Saturday, March 7th**

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM / 8:30-9:30**

*EECS THRIVE grad student group is organizing a Pride Welcome Breakfast for admitted EECS grad student visit days. Current students can stop by and share your experiences!*

## First Mondays Grad Hangout

**Rainbow Lounge, 50-250**

**Monday, March 2nd -- (Next on Monday, April 6th)**

**6:00-7:00 PM / 18:00 - 19:00**

*Please join MIT Graduate and Post-Doc LBGTQ+ community members in an evening good food and fun games!*

*Meet new friends and colleagues, while checking out the Rainbow Lounge!*

## Bio-LBGTQ

*BioLBGTQ+ is a new graduate student group focused on creating a space where LBGTQ+ individuals and allies in the Biology community can feel comfortable sharing their experiences. We aim to foster community through fun monthly social events, as well as advocate for LBGTQ+ issues within the biology department and raise awareness through informative lecture series and guest speakers. We welcome all*

*LGBTQ+ individuals affiliated with the Biology department, whether undergraduate, graduate, post-doc, faculty, or staff.*

*Contact: [biolgbtq\\_admin@mit.edu](mailto:biolgbtq_admin@mit.edu)*

## **LBGT Grad**

*LBGT Grad is the student group run by and for LGBT grad students, postdocs, and friends of the MIT community.*

*Website: [stuff.mit.edu/afs/athena/activity/l/lgbtgrad/www/](http://stuff.mit.edu/afs/athena/activity/l/lgbtgrad/www/)*

## **LBGT Grad POC**

*A group for graduate queer and trans people of color to hang out, connect, chat, and support one another in a safe space.*

*Contact: [grad-qpoc-admin@mit.edu](mailto:grad-qpoc-admin@mit.edu)*

## **Sloan LBGT**

*Sloan Pride is a student organization established to foster and promote an open and honest environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students, partners, faculty and staff in the Sloan community. We seek to promote positive images of the LGBT community and to foster opportunities for personal and professional growth regardless of sexual or gender identity.*

*Website:*

*[web.mit.edu/sloan-lgbt/](http://web.mit.edu/sloan-lgbt/)*

## **QUBE (Queers in the Built Environment)**

*QuBE aims to highlight and create dialogue around the intersection of queer identity and the built environment through a variety of media including speakers, conferences, partnerships, publications, and social events. QuBE also serves to support and increase the visibility of queer students, faculty, and staff in the School of Architecture + Planning and the MIT community at large.*

# ///LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates

## Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program

*The Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program will be put on pause for the fall and spring semester and resume in Fall 2020.*

*This gives enough time for LBGTQ+ Services to restructure the program once there is a new Assistant Dean of LBGTQ+ Services and make it even better!*

*In the meantime, for those interested in unofficial mentoring opportunities or information, please contact Lauryn McNair. [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)*

## LBGTQ+ Services Art Installation

*Check out the new art installation in the Rainbow Lounge! These pieces are from MIT faculty, staff, and students!*

*If you would like to showcase your work in the Rainbow Lounge we are still accepting submissions! Please email the LBGTQ+ Services Graduate Assistant - Nikki Abeleda (She/They) at [abeleda@mit.edu](mailto:abeleda@mit.edu)!*

## Gender Inclusive Bathrooms Committee

*If you're interested in being a part of the revamped gender inclusive bathrooms committee for MIT then please email Lauryn McNair, [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) for interest and information.*

*The committee will be looking for students (undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty and staff.*

*The first meeting is scheduled Tuesday, March 17 from 1-2PM in the Rainbow Lounge (50-250).*

## Chosen/Preferred Names on Diplomas

*MIT's current policy is that students must show documentation of a legal name change to have their chosen/preferred name on their diploma. Or, students can email registrar to have their chosen/preferred name read out loud but their legal name must be on their diploma.*

*LBGTQ+ Services is working to hopefully change that so students can have their chosen/preferred name on their diploma without a legal name change. Email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) for info.*

## Provincetown, MA Retreat 2020

*LBGTQ+ Services is already planning the 18th annual Provincetown Retreat for 2020. The date will be October 2nd - 4th. The planning committee meetings start every Wednesday, in June from 4-5pm.*

*This is an annual event for LBGTQ+ students (undergrad and grad/post-doc) to build community with each other as well as faculty and staff.*

*Learn more about it on the website here: [lbgtq.mit.edu/programs/annual](http://lbgtq.mit.edu/programs/annual)*

## LBGTQ+ Education

*There will be two LBGTQ+ Services educational trainings per semester open to faculty and staff who want to learn more about supporting LBGTQ+ populations. All participants will receive the new YAWH trained cards. Check the SPXCE website for sign-ups.*

*Students interested in LBGTQ+ education can fill out a workshop/training application form on the LBGTQ+ website here:*

*[lbgtq.mit.edu/resources](http://lbgtq.mit.edu/resources)*

## **///**BEYOND MIT****

### **Drag Queen Story Hour**

***Trident Booksellers & Cafe, 338 Newbury St, Boston***

***Saturday, March 21st***

***12PM - 1:30PM / 12:00 - 13:30***

*Drag Queen Story Hour is just what it sounds like: local drag queens reading stories to children. Drag Queen Story Hour captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity in childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models.*

### **Desi Queer Diaspora Conference 2020**

***DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35 Austin, TX 78752***

***May 15th - 17th***

***All Day***

*DQD 2020 is a conference that aims to gather LGBTQ+ & TGNC South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and folks that identify within the Desi Diaspora. Scholarships are also available! Last date to register: March 1st. Register link & more info: <https://www.desiqdiaspora.org/register>*

### **Rolling with Advantage**

***75 Amory St, Jamaica Plains, MA - Boston GLASS***

***Mondays from March to June***

***5PM - 6:30 PM / 17:00 - 18:30***

*Want to be a daring warrior? A cunning rogue? A powerful sorcerer? Join our table and tell a story together through roleplaying and gameplay through Dungeons and Dragons, a group for LGBTQ+ Youth of Color ages 13-25. Tand snacks will be provided. All experience levels are welcome, from beginners to veteran players!*

## Partner Abuse in LGBTQ And/Or T Communities

**Boston College - O'Neill Library 248, 140 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill, MA**

**Friday, March 13th**

**12 PM - 2:30 PM / 12:00 - 14:30**

*A training led by The Network/La Red (TNLR) which will provide an overview of healthy relationships vs. power, control, and abuse in intimate or dating relationships. This is organized by Spectrum, student led LGBTQIA group of the Boston College School of Social Work. Register Link - <https://tinyurl.com/ts5wrsp>*

## Boston Gaymers

**14 PI Alley, Boston, MA 02108 - Alley Bar**

**Saturday, March 14th**

**6PM - 10PM / 18:00 - 22:00**

*It is set to be a night of Board games, switch gaming, and good socializing. We are allowed to bring snacks to the Alley so we will have some food present. A DJ begins playing at 10PM so if you are tired of playing games by that point, you can transition it into a social.*

## Fun Home: The Musical

**30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, MA 02061**

**March 13th - March 29th**

**Various Showings/Times**

*Fun Home is a fiercely funny, and, at times heartbreaking, show about coming of age while growing up in the family-owned funeral home—the “fun home”. This groundbreaking new musical is based on Alison Bechdel’s best-selling graphic novel and memoir.*

**For Tickets - <https://tinyurl.com/yx676b5a>**

## Queer Secrets of the MFA

**MFA, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115**

**Wednesday, March 4th**

**8PM - 9:45PM / 20:00 - 21:45**

*Come take a tour at the Museum of Fine Arts while learning about LGBTQIA secrets that you may / may not have noticed before. **Eventbrite Link for registration & more information** - <https://tinyurl.com/v6rl5d7>*

**Cost- \$17-\$30**

## Black Pride & Latinx Pride Meeting

**Codman Square House, 14 Euclid St, Boston, MA**

**Monday, March 16th**

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM / 19:30 - 20:30**

*You are invited to be part of the 2020 committee for Black Pride and Latinx Pride! Join us to discover the various opportunities for involvement with our organization. All skills welcome as we gear up for Pride 2020, our 50th Anniversary!*

## BAGLY's Disabilities Meeting

**28 Court Square Boston, MA 02108**

**Every Tuesday in March**

**6PM-7PM / 18:00-19:00**

*BAGLY's Disabilities meeting is a social support space for LGBTQ+ youth who are challenged by physical disabilities, mental disabilities, or neurodivergence. All LGBTQ+ youth who have any sort of condition which significantly effects their day-to-day life or ability to enjoy life who are ages 25 and under are welcome to join!*

## Trans Dudes with Lady Cancer

**1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA**

**Thursday, March 5th**

**6:30 PM - 8:00PM / 18:30 - 20:00**

*A free film screening and panel discussion of the experiences of transmasculine individuals within gendered medical systems. This screening and discussion is open to anyone interested in learning more, including trans and gender diverse individuals, their loved ones, and allies. Located at the Fenway Health Auditorium, 10th Floor.*

## Queer Board Game Night

**338 Newbury St, Boston, MA - Trident Bookstore**

**Saturday, March 21st**

**6PM - 9PM / 18:00 - 21:00**

*Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community? Do you like board games?! We're gathering together at Trident for a board game night, all queer-identifying folks and allies are welcome!*

## Speakers Bureau

*Greater Boston PFLAG are currently looking for speakers to join our Speakers Bureau. We would particularly like to recruit students aged 30 and under to speak when we give presentations for a variety of audiences (schools, businesses, houses of worship, etc.). Speakers would be compensated for sharing their stories (\$50 or \$100 per engagement, depending on the length of time) and reimbursed for any travel expenses.*

*[Email - zach@gbpflag.org](mailto:zach@gbpflag.org) for more information*

## LGBTQ+ Israel Pride

**Israel**

**June 7th - June 18th**

*Shorashim is a non-profit organization that specializes in Israel education and travel. This summer they are running a LGBTQ+ Israel Pride Experience. Participants get the chance to explore the greatest hits of Israel through an incredibly unique LGBTQ+ lens while experiencing the dynamic energy and diversity of the Israeli community. **Link:***

*<https://tinyurl.com/tjdofvb>*

## Lesbians+ of Color Symposium



**1585 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138**

**March 20th - March 21st**

**6PM / 18:00**

*Join #2020LOCS in an extraordinary event featuring powerful sessions and talks facilitated by and for LBTQ+ women, non-binary people of color and our allies.*

To Register & more info - <https://tinyurl.com/tqz4ga7>

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## **Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition**

**Friday, March 20th**

*MTPC is looking for assistance for its Lived Equity Community Needs Assessment! MTPC would like to better understand the specific needs of gender creative, trans and non-binary youth, adults, elders and families in MA.*

*Please fill out the survey here:*

*<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivedEquity> Password: MTPC2020*

## **O4U Engineering Conference**

**Saturday, March 29th**

**11:59 PM ET**

*The Out for Undergrad Engineering Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN from Sept 11-13th. Round 1 Applications are due March 29th, 2020 @ 11:59PM ET. Flights and hotels are entirely covered! \$90 registration fee, but fee waivers, discounts, payment plans are available!*

<https://www.outforundergrad.org/apply>

## **Drag on Fire Fundraiser**

**808 Commonwealth Ave, Brookline, MA 02446**

**Saturday, March 21**

**7-10 PM ET**

*Drag on Fire is a charity fundraiser with amazing performances and food! This year's MCs will be the Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. All proceeds donated to Youth on Fire, a shelter and resource center for homeless LGBTQ+ youth ages 14-24. Tickets on FB and EB:*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1801025330031871/>

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**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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Trans.mit.edu