APRIL SHOWERS...

...bring May flowers, or so they say. We have survived another New England weather month and we have come out the other side. Rejoice! Maybe go out and smell the flowers when you have the chance (or look at some on a screen if you’re allergic).

Thank you so much to everyone who donated during our Pi Day Fundraising event. 145 people donated and raised $17,795. And a special thank you to Eric Reiner ‘83 for donating $10,000 to the event which will go to benefit the MIT LBGTQ+ community.

LAVENDER GRADUATION

Lavender Graduation is a celebration of the end of the year and a recognition of our distinguished graduates from the LBGTQ and ally community. This event is open to everyone (MIT staff, students, faculty, alumni), whether you’ve been involved with LBGTQ@MIT or not!

All are welcome during this community wide celebration on Friday, May 10th 5:30 - 7:00pm in Rainbow Lounge (50-250).

Interested in volunteering/helping? Email afran@mit.edu or lmcnair@mit.edu.

SPXCE HOURS

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

RL HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00pm
What is Lazos?
"Lazo" is one of several Spanish language terms for "bow", referencing the rainbow and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Come to the table with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color at MIT.

When and Where Is This?
Date: Wednesday, April 24th
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

Family Dinners

What are Family Dinners?
Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly Family Dinners for our LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students, reclaiming a sense of family, support, and solidarity. Open to all - we look forward to seeing you!

When and Where Is This?
Date: Thursdays, Feb. 7th - May 16th
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge

QLAB: Queer & LBGT+ Advisory Board

What is QLAB?
QLAB is an open meeting seeking to enhance the experiences of LBGTQ people at MIT and to ensure that its educational mission is upheld for all students of diverse gender, romantic, and sexual identities. Meetings are once a month and address specific LBGTQ community projects.

When and Where Is This?
Date: Tuesday, April 9th
Time: 5:00-6:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit
Twitter: @lbgtmit
Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAV GRAD RSVP
Are you graduating? Will you be attending Lavender Graduation? If the answer is yes to both, then please fill out this RSVP link so we can have the name you want read, pronunciation, degree information, and pronouns (optional). Link here: https://tinyurl.com/LavGradMIT

NEW INSTAGRAM!
Hey y'all, we have a new Instagram account. You can now find us at @rainbow_lounge_mit so go there and totally follow us. We're working on a new social media campaign to keep people up to date about the cool stuff we're doing.
Rainbow Lounge Open House for CPW

Join us in the newly renovated Rainbow Lounge for yummy food, a Queer Treasure Chest, music, dancing, and lots of great people...what a great way to spend a Friday afternoon! Please join us to celebrate and welcome new MIT pre-frosh into the LGBTQ+ community and their allies at MIT. All are welcome.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, April 12th
Time: 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

SPXCE Open House for CPW

Please join the Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement team in welcoming the MIT pre-frosh into the MIT community!

Get to know the community leaders and groups on campus to connect with, and share in your experiences. All are welcome.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, April 12th
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

Multicultural Awards Banquet: Save the Date!

Join us for the 7th Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet. Come celebrate students, student organizations, faculty and staff’s outstanding work and their impact on the community.

Lunch will be provided.

When and Where is this?
Date: Wednesday, May 8th
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Morss Hall (50-140)
**Out and Asian Panel**

Please join us for this collaborative panel discussion event where we will hear from LBGTQ+ and Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, Asian American identified folks about their experiences at MIT and beyond. All are welcome and lunch will be provided. More info here: tinyurl.com/OutandAsian

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Thursday, April 25th  
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

**Also Happening at MIT**

**ACES-AROS GROUP**

Do you identify on the asexual/aromantic spectra? Join MIT Aces and Aros for fun social events, discussions and community-building with your fellow aces and aros.

Email aces-admin@mit.edu to be added to the mailing list.

**Loev: Movie Night**

When hot shot, Wall Street dealmaker Jai thinks of putting some pleasure into his 48 hour business trip to Mumbai, Sahil, his young, music-producer friend, drops everything, including his reckless boyfriend Alex, to help him execute the perfect getaway. "LOEV" is written and directed by Sudhanshu Saria. All welcome to attend. Popcorn provided.

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Friday, April 12th  
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
**Also Happening at MIT Cont.**

**LBGTQ Spirituality & Faith Series - Mesma Belsaré**

Join us for dinner and conversation as we embark on a series exploring multiple aspects of identity in a variety of religious and spiritual traditions. Hear from faith leaders about their journey through the intersections of sexual orientation, gender identity, and their religious, spiritual, or ethical tradition. All are welcome.

**When and Where is this?**
Date: Tuesday, April 23rd
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**A Conversation on Race with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**

Hear from Dr. Tatum on her book *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race* in a discussion moderated by Dean Melissa Nobles.

Bring your book or purchase one from the bookstore to have it signed.

**When and Where is this?**
Date: Thursday, April 18
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: E51-115

**MLK Luncheon Seminar w/ Lorgia García-Peña**

MIT established the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professor Program to enhance and recognize the contributions of outstanding scholars. The program honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by increasing the presence of minority scholars at MIT.

**When and Where is this?**
Date: Monday, April 29th
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: TBD
When and Where is this?
Date: Monday, April 22nd
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Aimed towards queer students engaging in international experiential learning this event will help students prepare to live/work abroad as queer individuals while connecting with other queer students who have worked/studied abroad.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, April 26th
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Come celebrate Lesbian Day of Visibility with a screening of Black Mirror’s San Junipero and cupcake decorating! All are welcome.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, April 5th
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Mezzanine (W20-307)

Celebrate Shabbat with you Jewish and queer friends! Event by MIT Hillel.
Work side-by-side with community organizations that are striving to eliminate health disparities and improve the well-being of American Indians and Indigenous communities. These opportunities include a team internship for 8-10 weeks and a group immersion experience for the week preceding graduation.

Priority Application: Wednesday, April 3rd

Whether you can sing or dance or write poetry, or you have a really great story to tell (related to being queer), you should come out to this big gay event. All proceeds benefit Fenway Health. QWAM (Queers With A Mission) is performing!

If interested in getting involved, email deannad@mit.edu

When and Where Is This?
Date: Sunday, May 12th
Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Cheney Room (3-310)

This roundtable features a conversation about the genealogies and futures of black queer and trans studies across geographic and disciplinary borders, conversations that can help us take stock of the contradictory and complicated cultural moment we are in.

When and Where Is This?
Date: Wednesday, April 3rd
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: 1-190
WGS LECTURE SERIES

Biannual McMillan-Stewart Lecture Series with Zahra Ali: “Women, Gender and Feminisms in Iraq: between state collapse, social movements and fragmentation.” This lecture reflects on recent research on women, gender and feminisms in relation to Islam(s) and the Middle East.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, April 17th
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 2-105

WGS DOCUMENTARY: "DAWNLAND"

Dawnland is a documentary about Indigenous child removal and cultural survival in the United States. The viewing is followed by Q&A with directors and reception.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, April 2nd
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: 4-237

ASK ME ANYTHING: BEING QUEER IN 2019

Hear your LGBT classmates share their takes on what it is like to be Queer today. Drawing from the diversity of experiences, we will look at it from a U.S. and global perspective. Open to: MIT Sloan Community

RSVP:
https://tinyurl.com/AMAQueer2019

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, April 3rd
Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: E62-276
ALSO HAPPENING AT MIT CONT.

HOW TO ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES

The series focuses on topics to help you prepare for “adulting.”

Networking w/ Alumni Social Hour: Thursday, April 11th 19:00/7:00 PM in Flowers Dining Room, Maseeh Hall

Financial Planning for the “Real World”: Thursday, April 18th 18:00/6:00 PM in 32-155, Stata Center

Contact Joseph Granado, granado@mit.edu, for more information.

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE (TONIGHT)

Join the Pleasure Educators for conversation on healthy relationships across cultures! Snacks provided. A program by Pleasure @MIT.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Friday, April 26th
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE GATHERING FOR ASEXUAL AND AROMANTIC STUDENTS

Join students at Tufts, MIT, Northeastern, and Harvard for fun conversation, pizza, and cake! Students at any university who identify on the asexual or aromantic spectrums (a-, demi-, grey-, questioning, etc.) are welcome!

RSVP and/or join an e-list: www.tinyurl.com/acearoBoston

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Saturday, April 6th
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Location: Simmons Hall (W79)
SAAM is a time to reflect on how far we have come in the movement to end sexual violence, and also to acknowledge the work that lies ahead of us. VPR, T9BR, PLEASURE, and campus partners from a variety of organizations have come together to put together a month full of programming for students. Stop by Lobby10 to pick up a free t-shirt and button, take a photo at our photo booth, or check out one of our displays. Go to elephant.mit.edu for more details!!

**Sponsored by the GFG.**

**Come play Mariokart Wii with us!** If we have enough people, we'll have a full-on tournament with brackets and bragging rights. Otherwise, we'll just play for fun! All are welcome.

**Interested in joining the Gender Fluidity Group? Contact:**

parrotfish-exec@mit.edu

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Tuesday, April 16th

Time: 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

**One of the goals of the project is to be a more welcoming space that supports a variety of experiences: collaboration, quiet exploration, learning, research, creativity, and discovery can all happen here. Two sessions are:**

**Monday, April 8, 5-6:30 pm:** tinyurl.com/MIThayden1

**Wednesday, April 17, 12-1:30 pm:** tinyurl.com/MIThayden2

**Location for both sessions is W31-110. You must register to attend.**
CASE is trying to match undergraduates with staff and faculty members that would be willing to host them for commencement. If you would be willing to host a graduating undergraduate’s family and ensure their experience is met with less financial uncertainties that could prevent these families from attending the ceremony, please fill out the survey. (https://goo.gl/forms/ApiB1KhQVQ3nfaBs2).

This workshop facilitated by Rachel and Joe Tache is aimed at bringing students, staff and faculty from across MIT together in dialogue to think critically, engage deeply and lead courageously for the betterment of the MIT community and ultimately the greater good. 

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

*Date:* Wednesday, April 24th  
*Time:* 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
*Location:* E62-223

This is a pilot project for STEM graduate students. The aim of the project is to support increased diversity in STEM fields through an art experience plus mentoring. **More information and RSVP here:** https://www.truthvaluescommunity.com/

Day 1: April 16th | 7:00 PM | Kresge Little Theater

Day 2: April 17th | 11:45 AM | Twenty Chimneys
Members of our community have composed a letter to the MIT Corporation concerning MIT’s ongoing financial relationships with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its state-controlled subsidiaries, specifically Saudi Aramco, SABIC, and KACST. We invite you to sign the letter to express your support for the termination of these specific financial ties to Saudi Arabia, and for greater transparency in decisions concerning MIT’s research partnerships and investments. Here: https://www.mit-ksa.org/
Beyond MIT

Boston Spirit Networking

Attend Boston Spirit’s annual LGBTQ Executive Networking Night. All students are welcome to come for free! It is a great opportunity for LGBTQ+ students to meet companies and mingle with LGBTQ+ professionals from in and around the Boston Area.

Our featured speaker this year is Rhode Island Congressman David Cicilline—please RSVP here to see him and attend our event!

The Network/La Red Survey

Over the last 30 years, TNLR has been assessing organizations to ensure the inclusion and accessibility of LGBQ/T folks. We are now conducting a statewide Community Needs Assessment to hear directly from the communities we serve.

The survey consists of about twenty questions that in total should take approximately fifteen minutes to complete. Folks who complete the survey online will receive an Amazon or Dunkin Donuts gift card, and folks who complete the survey in person will receive an “I ♥ Consent” Tote Bag!

When and Where is This?

Date: Thursday, May 2nd
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Boston Mariott — Copley Place

When and Where is This?

Date: Mid-March-June
Location: Online!
Website: http://tnlr.org/en/

Boston Pride Spring Open House

Join the Boston Pride team for our 2019 Pride Spring Open House at the Pride office. During the Open House, the 2019 Marshals and 2019 Community Fund recipients will be formally introduced, and Boston Pride will make several announcements about the 2018 Boston Pride Week celebration, including a reveal of the winning "Looking Back, Loving Forward" logo. Food and refreshments will be served.

When and Where is This?

Dates: Tuesday, April 9th
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: 12 Channel St #503, Boston, MA 02210

When and Where is This?
COMMUNITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

The Network/La Red is holding free awareness workshops for LGBQ/T, SM, and Polyamorous groups and organizations interested in learning about their services, consent, and how partner abuse affects our communities. The workshops are 1-1.5 hours.

Email community@tnlr.org to book a workshop in the window of April 1st, 2019 - June 30th, 2019.

PRIDE AT LOWELL SPINNERS

The Lowell Spinners Baseball Team will be having a game on Pride Night. If you use the Promo code: "PRIDE" you will receive a ticket at a discounted rate. Hopefully we will see you out at the Ball Park!

Tickets: https://tinyurl.com/SpinnersTickets

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, June 27th
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: LeLacheur Park

IF YOU FEEL IT, YOU CAN SPEAK IT WITH JHA D WILLIAMS

For this month's Out of the Archives, Jha D Williams will discuss creating the only monthly open mic dedicated to the LGBTQI community of color and its allies. "If You Can Feel It, You Can Speak It" is a non-discriminating, non-pretentious, non-elitist platform for one and all to express themselves.

Doors open and reception at 6:00PM, talk begins at 6:30PM, followed by a short Q&A.

Tickets: https://feelitspeakit.eventbrite.com

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Dates: Tuesday, March 26th
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: The History Project, 4th Fl. 29 Stanhope Street Boston, MA 02116
**QUEER MUSLIM SHORTS**

QUEER! MUSLIM! PROUD! The first ever Queer Muslim shorts selection of Wicked Queer brings you stories about identity, faith, family and love! Coming out to parents, fighting for who you are despite society’s oppression, being brave and finding compassion... Delivered from all around the world, these stories show how much we have in common even though we come from different backgrounds. Curated by Beyza Burcak.

**Tickets here:**
https://tinyurl.com/QueerMuslimShorts

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Saturday, April 6
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Location: Brattle Theater,
40 Brattle St
Cambridge, MA 02138

**LBGTQ EXPERIENCES SINCE 2016 ELECTION SURVEY**

A team of LGBTQ-affirming researchers at UMASS Boston are conducting a confidential survey to learn more about LBGTQ experiences since the 2016 election. The study aims to explore relationships between experiences of heterosexism and/or transphobia, visibility of LBGTQ identity, and mental health.

Participation involves completing a survey online and takes 20-30 minutes. To participate, you must be age 18 or older, currently living in the United States, and identify as LGBTQ. If you are interested in learning more about the study and possibly participating, visit:
https://tinyurl.com/electionlgbtq

For questions email Brianna Wadler:
lgbtqelectionstudy@gmail.com

**GENDER BENDING FASHION EXHIBIT AT MFA**

“Gender Bending Fashion” examines a rich history of fashion disrupting, blurring, and redefining conventions and expectations around the relationship between gender and dress. At the same time, the garments on view can speak more broadly to societal shifts across the past century—including changing gender roles, increasing visibility of LGBTQIA+ communities, and the rise of social media as a powerful tool for self-expression.

For more information, go to:
https://tinyurl.com/gbfexhibit

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: March 21 - August 25, 2019
Location: Museum of Fine Arts,
Avenue of the Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02115
TRANSMASCU LINE PEOPLE OF COLOR SEXUAL HEALTH CARE STUDY

Looking for focus group participants! You may be eligible if you are between 18 and 25 years old; were assigned female at birth; identify as a man, trans man, FTM, GNC, non-binary, or transmasculine; identify as a person of color (including but not limited to Black, Latinx, Asian, Native, or multiracial); and reside in the greater Boston area.

Participants will receive a $45 Amazon gift card, and food and drinks will be served.

If interested, please call or text 617-299-1807 or email transmochealth@gmail.com.

LGB STUDY

 Participate in a doctoral dissertation, a study of how the experiences of lesbian, gay, and bisexual emerging adults are related to their thinking and functioning. You are eligible to participate if you are an emerging adult between the ages of 18-25 and identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual. The study will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Upon completion of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for one of twenty $20 Amazon gift cards. This study has been approved by the St. John’s University IRB.

Additional information about the study and direct access to the survey here:

https://stjohns.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eYhMydN8iXVTiHb
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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