

# LBGTQ+ Services

## April LBGTQ+

### Newsletter

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## ///WELCOME

### April Showers, Rainbow Flowers

Time flies! It seems like just yesterday it was May (and a great turnout for Trans Day of Visibility) and now it's already April. It's Arab American Heritage Month, Lesbian Visibility Day (April 26th), and then right around the corner is Lavender Graduation.

LBGTQ+ Services hopes you're taking time for yourself to enjoy the small things in life while you're in classes, at work, and wherever you are around the world. Know that we're thinking of you.

### Lav Grad Performances

Save the date! Lavender graduation is May 11th 5-6:30pm EST. LBGTQ+ Services for students or student groups to perform.

Performances can be live or pre-recorded for 3-5 minutes. It can be music, dance, poetry, etc., whatever moves you/your group.

If you are interested in performing, send an email with the subject line: Lavender graduation to Nina (she/her) at [nfoushee@mit.edu](mailto:nfoushee@mit.edu) or Robert (he/him) at [hinesr@mit.edu](mailto:hinesr@mit.edu).

Performers will be compensated.

## LBGTQ+ Services

### Office Hours

Office Hours for LBGT+ Services Assistant Director, Lauryn McNair (she/they) by email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

### Virtual Hangouts

Zoom Link: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)

Mondays, April 5, 12, and 26

1:00 - 3:00 PM EST

## ///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

### QTPoC

**URL:** [mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712](https://mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712)

**Wednesday, April 7**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM 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!*

### Web Fam Fridays

**URL:** [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)

**Fridays, April 2, 16, and 30**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen on biweekly Fridays. It might be a movie, a game, a chat space, and more!*

*Check our social media pages or our website for more information:*

[lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-0](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-0)

## Rainbow Lounge Hangout

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*Rainbow Lounge Hangouts are hangouts run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers. Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more.*

*There's always something going on so stay for all or part of the time to hang out with other students.*

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

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgmtmit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

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

### April LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Bird-Eyes by Madelyn Arnold

TAGS: Lesbian, Lesbian, Mental Hospital

A lesbian teen runaway is sent to a mental hospital in 1963 and becomes close friends with a deaf woman named Anna who teaches her sign language, and gives her the strength to defy the system.

The Truth Is By NoNieqa Ramos

TAGS: Latinx, Trans, Young Adult

Verdad doesn't think she has time for love. Then she meets Danny— who happens to be trans—all bets are off. Verdad has to deal with her mother's disapproval and questions about her identity.

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

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*Join us for three Fridays in April to chill virtually. April 2 and April 30 we will be watching a movie, and April 16 we will be playing a game together. For more information on specifics keep an eye on our social media and website. Web Fam Fridays are open to all in the LGBTQ+ and ally MIT community.*

## Worn Stories Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, April 5**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout to watch the new limited documentary series Worn Stories. In this funny, heartfelt and moving docuseries, real people unpack the fascinating and quirky stories around their most meaningful pieces of clothing.*

## This Is A Robbery: The World's Biggest Art Heist Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, April 12**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Did you know one of the world's biggest art heists happened right here in Boston? Come watch a new documentary about the 1990 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum theft. Maybe you'll be able to solve the decades old mystery and get the \$10 million reward.*

## Shadow & Bone Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, April 26**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*We'll watch the newly adapted Shadow and Bone show. In a world cut in two by a massive barrier of perpetual darkness, where unnatural creatures feast on human flesh, a young soldier uncovers a power that might finally unite her country. But as she struggles to hone her power, dangerous forces plot against her.*

## QTPOC Movie Night

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712](https://mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712)**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM EST**

*A movie day will be happening! Come watch Godzilla vs. Kong (Rated PG-13)! Bring popcorn, snacks, friends and enjoy this anticipated movie. Watch Kong and his protectors undertake a perilous journey to find his true home. Along for the ride is Jia, an orphaned girl who has a unique bond with the beast.*

## QTPOC Earth Day Plant Giveaway

**URL: [instagram.com/rainbow\\_lounge\\_mit/](https://www.instagram.com/rainbow_lounge_mit/) (Rainbow Lounge Instagram)**

**Thursday, April 22**

*For Earth Day which is April 22nd, 2021 there will be a raffle to win some great prizes that supports healthy sustainable living (water bottles, plants, and more). More details will be announced.*

## Lavender Graduation Save the Date

**URL: Check back at [lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lgbtq.mit.edu/programs-o)**

**Tuesday, May 11**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM EST**

*Lavender Graduation is a time to celebrate our LBGTQ+ MIT graduates and the wonderful things they've accomplished. The entire MIT community is invited to enjoy and be with us on this date to recognize our grads. There will be music, speeches, a mini-dance party, and more. This event will not be recorded.*

## Escape the Room

**URL: Email Lauryn McNair at [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)**

*Can you escape before the time runs out? The themes are currently Prison Break, Gold Rush, and The Heist. You can sign up by yourself or sign up and encourage your friends to as well. Escape the Rooms will be scheduled as demand dictates, so let us know if you would like to participate!*

## **///[@MIT FOR ALL](#)**

### **Fireside Chat with Mikki Kendall**

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/mikkiMIT](https://tinyurl.com/mikkiMIT)**

**Wednesday, April 28**

**5:00 - 6:00 PM EST**

*Join My Sister's Keeper for a fireside chat, reading, and author Q&A with Mikki Kendall, author of Hood Feminism. Mikki Kendall is a writer, diversity consultant, and occasional feminist who talks a lot about intersectionality, policing, gender, sexual assault, and other current events.*

### **SaveTFP! Friday Events**

**URL: Sign up for updates at [tinyurl.com/savetfpmail](https://tinyurl.com/savetfpmail)**

**Fridays**

**9:00 - 11:00 PM EST**

*Every Friday SaveTFP! has virtual events reducing stress and facilitating student social activities while increasing health awareness and curbing dangerous behaviors at MIT. For April events include Whine & Cheese 2.0 (4/2), Gathertown Jeopardy (4/9), Bob Ross + Crafts (4/16), Plant Night ft. No Break Brownies (4/23) + more!*

### **Radical Love Across Difference**

**URL: RSVP and schedule at [tinyurl.com/GWCSLove](https://tinyurl.com/GWCSLove)**

**Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 11**

*GWCS is hosting a conference about using a praxis of love to highlight the struggles toward liberation, we approach what hooks suggests is a culture of refusing systems of*

*domination. Confirmed speakers include Kimberly Drew, Favianna Rodriguez, Milan Nicole Sherry, Dr. Dina Gilio-Whitaker + more!*

## **Anthony Jack MIT Reads Event**

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/JackMITS21](https://tinyurl.com/JackMITS21)**

**Tuesday, April 6**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM EST**

*Join MIT Libraries for the MIT Reads Spring author event. The Privileged Poor builds on Jack's personal experience of higher education and asks why some students from backgrounds like his are able to thrive, while others struggle. His answers shine a light on the experience of first generation and low income students everywhere.*

## **2021 Compton lecture: Thinking about Racism**

**URL: More info is at [tinyurl.com/AppiahMIT](https://tinyurl.com/AppiahMIT)**

**Thursday, April 22**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM EST**

*Prof. Kwame Anthony Appiah is the 2021 Compton Speaker and African and African American studies scholar. He rose to prominence authoring provocative books on the complexities of modern society. He is a professor of philosophy and law at NYU and has a weekly New York Times column.*

## **Movements and Change: Race and Justice Across Africa Today**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/MITAfrica0416](https://tinyurl.com/MITAfrica0416)**

**Wednesday, April 14**

**12:30 - 2:00 PM EST**

*Join an online panel discussion which will feature leading voices from the African continent and the African diaspora who are engaged in critical public discourses around race and reform across diverse African contexts and different media. After, attendees will be able to join breakout rooms with panelists.*

## Apply to the GEL Program

**URL: Apply at [gelp.mit.edu/admissions](http://gelp.mit.edu/admissions)**

**Date: Rolling Admissions by Sunday, April 11 & Regular Admissions by Sunday, May 9**

*The Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership (GEL) Program is a selective leadership training program focused on developing engineering leaders. We practice team membership and leadership weekly through theory and our hands-on engineering leadership labs, where students receive candid peer feedback supplemented by performance peer feedback.*

## Nominate RISE Awards

**URL: Nominate at [bit.ly/mitrise21](http://bit.ly/mitrise21)**

**Due Friday, April 16**

*The MIT Rise Awards seek to celebrate members of our community that go above and beyond in inclusion and equity, true champions of diversity. Nominations are open to fellow MIT students, faculty, or staff. Sponsored by OMP, LBGTQ+ Services, ICEO, OGE, and OME.*

## Save the Date for RISE Awards

**URL: Stay tuned at [tinyurl.com/RiseCeremony21](http://tinyurl.com/RiseCeremony21)**

**Tuesday, May 4**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

*By using a praxis of love to highlight the struggles toward liberation, we approach what hooks suggests is a culture of refusing systems of domination. This conference seeks to explore the role radical love plays in health crises, climate change, and further social justice movements.*

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## **Feminisms Unbound - Going Viral**

**URL: More info is at [tinyurl.com/MITViral](https://tinyurl.com/MITViral)**

**Thursday, April 15**

**6:30 - 8:30 PM EST**

*Join GWCS for a panel on how the current pandemic is an accumulation of many viral histories. This panel invites scholars to draw from their original research to explore the traffic in viral discourse and the pathways of transmission—of data, bodies, feelings, ideology from many lenses.*

## **Journeys Toward Justice**

**URL: More info at [tinyurl.com/JTJ2021](https://tinyurl.com/JTJ2021)**

**Various events in April hosted by different universities**

*Journeys Toward Justice is a multi-college collaboration including the MIT PKG Center spotlighting people across who are driving justice and equity forward. The goal is to connect students, partners, and communities to help us all understand the local and historical contexts of social justice issues and the work communities are doing.*

## **Exploring Racial Identity Skills & Discussion Group**

**URL: Email Dr. Patel for more info and to schedule a screening at [patel@med.mit.edu](mailto:patel@med.mit.edu)**

**July 2021**

*A new skills & discussion group at MIT Mental Health starting in July will open to BIPOC students, graduate and undergraduate, who are interested in exploring their ethnic/racial identity, understanding internalized oppression, and experiences with ethnic/racial microaggressions and macroaggressions.*

## Fireside Book Chat with Dr. Rana el Kaliouby

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/GirlDecodedMIT](https://tinyurl.com/GirlDecodedMIT)**

**Wednesday, April 21**

**2:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Join the Cheney Room for a chat with Dr. el Kaliouby, MIT alum and former member of the MIT Media Lab, CEO of Affectiva, for a discussion of her book, “Girl Decoded”! The first 20 people to register will receive a free copy. The book follows her quest to reclaim our humanity by bringing emotional intelligence to technology.*

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

### gwaMIT Leadership Conference: Leading for the Future

**URL: Check for more info at [gsc.mit.edu/gwamit](https://gsc.mit.edu/gwamit)**

**Monday, April 5 - Friday, April 9**

*Join gwaMIT for their conference including a keynote event with Dr. Maria Zuber and other events as well, where you will learn how to build healthy work environments, how to build your network of mentors and cheerleaders, how to navigate and succeed in academia, and several other exciting events!*

### Harvard/MIT LBGTQ+ Grad Mixer

**URL: Look out on our website [lbgt.mit.edu](https://lbgt.mit.edu)**

**Thursday, April 8**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Join other MIT grad students in the LBGTQ+ community for a virtual mixer with Harvard's LBGTQ+ grad student community. Look out more information on our website and social media.*

### A Conversation with GWAMIT: Building a Supportive Community for LBGTQ+ People

**URL:RSVP at [tinyurl.com/GWAMITLBGTQ](https://tinyurl.com/GWAMITLBGTQ)**

**Wednesday, April 21**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Join other graduate womxn at MIT in a discussion facilitated by Nina Foushee, graduate assistant for LGBTQ+ services at MIT. The first 15 people to sign-up will have the option to receive a book from MIT's office of LGBTQ+ services. Dinner will be reimbursed (tax excluded) up to \$10 for the first 50 sign ups.*

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

### **NSLDC Pride Virtual Conference**

**URL: Learn more at [nsldcpride.org](https://nsldcpride.org)**

**Saturday, October 23**

*Register for NSLDC Pride, a national leadership experience dedicated to empowering and educating LGBTQ+ student leaders to create change on their campuses and in their communities. Topics include intersectionality and more. Register by July 1 for \$99 per person.*

### **Black Lesbian Futures**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/NYUBlackLesbian](https://tinyurl.com/NYUBlackLesbian)**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM EST**

*Celebrate the publication of *Mouths of Rain: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Thought* edited by Briona Simone Jones. *Mouths of Rain* traces the long history of intellectual thought produced by Black Lesbian writers over the past two centuries. This event is hosted by NYU Libraries. Live closed captioning will be available.*

### **Rhiannon Giddens Concert**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/Rhiannon0416](https://tinyurl.com/Rhiannon0416)**

**Friday, April 16**

**2:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Rhiannon Giddens is a celebrated artist who excavates the past to reveal truths about our present. A MacArthur "Genius Grant" recipient, Giddens has been*

*Grammy-nominated six times. She has a new album due out in April. This event is part of the Scholar and Feminist Conference: Art and Political Imagination.*

## UMass Boston Undergraduate Study

**URL: For more details check [tinyurl.com/CovidLGBTQBoston](https://tinyurl.com/CovidLGBTQBoston)**

*A Ph.D. candidate at UMass Boston is recruiting participants for a dissertation research study. The study is seeking LGBTQ+ undergraduate students in the greater Boston area to identify and explore the impact remote learning had on LGBTQ+ college students as they sought and used personal and academic supports during the pandemic.*

## Wicked Queer

**URL: [wickedqueer.org](https://wickedqueer.org)**

**April (entire month)**

*Boston's LGBTQ+ Film Festival, Wicked Queer will be debuting the 37th edition of their festival this month. The film festival includes feature films and 17 short films. Viewers must be located in the United States to stream the films. Student pricing is \$7 a ticket.*

## Paid Bi/Pan WOC Study

**URL: Find more details and complete the survey at [tinyurl.com/BiWOCsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/BiWOCsurvey)**

*Participants must be at least 18 years old and identify as a woman at least some of the time, have a bisexual, plurisexual, or multi-attracted sexual orientation, and identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, or a Woman of Color. Participants fill out a 60-90 minute survey about likes and dislikes are for programs that reduce risk of sexual assault for a \$10 gift card.*

## **You are welcome here**

The SPXCE Intercultural Center  
W31-110 (duPont Athletic Center)

MIT Rainbow Lounge

Walker Memorial 2nd Floor (50-250)

[Spxce.mit.edu](http://Spxce.mit.edu)

[Lbgtq.mit.edu](http://Lbgtq.mit.edu)

[Trans.mit.edu](http://Trans.mit.edu)