

# LBGTQ+ Services

## April LBGTQ+

### NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

The semester is just flying by. The weather is just doing its New England thing, there are more people outside hanging out, and soon enough it'll be the end of the semester! Before that happens we still have two months sharing awesome resources, creating programs, and supporting y'all and your interests.

Read through our newsletter and check out what our sibling office, Women and Gender Services (WXGS) is doing for Arab American Heritage Month!

## LBGTQ+ Services

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

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

Monday - Friday: 12:30 - 6pm EDT

**Email:** [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)

## Lavender Graduation

Save the date for on-campus Lavender Graduation!

THURSDAY, MAY 5th from 4-5pm with an after-party hosted by MIT Alumnx Pride.

More details to come.

All are welcome to attend. If you're a student and/or alum from any class years: 2022, 2021, and 2020 then please come celebrate!

Be on the lookout in our email and website for RSVP information and more.

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

### QTPoC

**Date:** Thursday, April 22nd, 2022

**Time:** Time: 6:00 - 7:00 EST

**Zoom Link:** [mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310](https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310)

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! This month's theme is QUEER WOMEN!!!

### Queer Student Leaders Chat

**Date:** Monday, April 11th

**Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST

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

Queer Student Leader Chats are a time for the leaders of our multiple queer student groups to gather, mingle and brainstorm.

## Friday Movie Nights

**Date:** *Friday, April 16th, April 29th*

**Time:** *5:00 - 7:00 PM EST*

**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+.

## Beyond the Binary: a panel discussion on gender diversity

**Date:** *Monday, April 4th, 2022*

**Time:** *12:00 - 1:30 PM EST*

**Location:** *Zoom*

Please join us for a panel centering non-binary, gender fluid, & two-spirit gender identities and the diversity of ways in which these can show up.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/beyondbinarymit>

## Lesbian Visibility Day Craft Event

**Date:** *Tuesday, April 26th, 2022*

**Time:** *12:00 - 5:00 PM EST*

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

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge to make some crafts and jewelry (beads, charms, etc.) for Lesbian Visibility Day. We will also have a playlist of Lesbian identified artist, to set the mood :) Free flags and button making.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Conversation

**Date:** Check Website & Social Media for Updates

**Time:** TBA

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

*Join us and VPR for a conversation centered around Sexual Assault Awareness Month, with emphasis on the LBGTQ+ community, highlighting the diverse issues surrounding trans and nonbinary individuals.*

## Save the Date: Lavender Graduation

**Date:** Thursday, May 5th, 2022

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

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

*Save the date for our annual Lavender Graduation! All are welcome to attend. It will be in person but the RSVP will provide a Zoom link for those who would like to view the live film portion in the comfort of their own home*

*All are welcome.*

## Asian/Queer Community Chat

**Date:** Friday, April 22nd, 2022

**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM EST

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

Come join us for a conversation about the intersection of Asian & Queer Identity. We will chat about the history of Asian & Queerness and how that influences the present.

## Campus Preview Week

**Date:** Friday, April 8th, 2022

***Time:*** 4:00 - 6:00 PM EST

***Location:*** W31-110

Campus Preview Week would not be complete without stepping into SPXCE. Residing in SPXCE are the following offices: OMP (Office of Multicultural Programming), LGBTQ+ Services, WXGS (Women & Gender Services). There is space for everyone in SPXCE.

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

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

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

April LGBTQ+ Book Recs.

Spectrums By Maxfield Sparrow

TAGS: Queer Disabilities, Gender

Written by autistic trans people from around the world, this vital and intimate collection of personal essays reveals the struggles and joys of living at the intersection of neurodivergence and gender diversity.

Unspeakable Love: Gay and Lesbian Life in the Middle East BY Brian Whitaker & Anna Wilson

TAGS: Arab, LGBTQ

Homosexuality is a taboo subject in Arab countries. Clerics denounce it as a heinous sin, while newspapers write cryptically of "shameful acts."

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

### Author Event: Clap When You Land

**Date:** *Tuesday, April 26th*

**Time:** *5:00PM - 6:00PM*

**Location:** *Zoom*

*Join My Sister's Keeper, the co-sponsor for the MIT Reads Book event with Elizabeth Acevedo, the author of Clap When You Land, a New York Times and IndieBound bestseller. Grab a copy of the book in advance, if you'd like!*

Check link for updates: [libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/](https://libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/)

### Women of Color & LBGTQ+ Professional Fund

*Did you know that undergraduate students who are Women of Color or LBGTQ+ students can apply for funding to help cover expenses associated with school applications, exams, professional attire, legal name changes and more?*

Visit [wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds](https://wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds) for more details!

### An Evening w/ Tressie McMillan Cottom

**Date:** *Thursday, April 28th*

**Time:** *5:30PM EST*

**Location:** Hayden Library (14S-100)

*Join the MIT Libraries for an evening with cultural critic, celebrated sociologist, and award-winning writer Tressie McMillan Cottom, who explores the everyday culture of big ideas like racism, sexism, inequality, and oppression by giving us the language to live better lives.*

## ORSEL'S Queer Bible Study

**Date:** Thursdays Weekly

**Time:** Provided after Registration

**Location:** Zoom

*We are excited to remind you that ORSEL's Queer Bible Study is happening and they are looking forward to seeing you.*

*Let them know you are coming: [tinyurl.com/qbiblestudy](https://tinyurl.com/qbiblestudy)*

## MIT Rise Awards

**Location:** TBA

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26th

**Time:** 3:00 pm

*An opportunity to celebrate MIT faculty, staff and students on their work with diversity, inclusion and social justice on and off campus. Nominate by April 6th.*

*Nomination Link: [bit.ly/mitrise22](https://bit.ly/mitrise22)*

## The Great Tit is a Bird & Unsafe SPACE

**Location:** Provided after registration

**Date:** Thursday, April 21st

**Time:** 6:30 pm

*Join MIT Africans for the U.S. virtual premiere of the sci-fi audio drama *The Great Tit is a Bird*.*

*The show's MIT contributors will discuss what these challenges mean in the context of the MIT community.*

Register at <https://cglink.me/2cy/r911909>

## Graduate Assistantships Available

**Deadline: Friday, April 29th  
11:59 pm**

*SPXCE provides intersectional social justice education, support, community building, and leadership development.*

Email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) and [almajam@mit.edu](mailto:almajam@mit.edu)

## Spring in SPXCE Block Party Mixer

**Location:** W31-110

**Date:** Friday, April 29th

**Time:** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

*An opportunity for students to meet members of MIT's cultural and identity-based clubs and organizations. All MIT students are welcome.*

*RSVP today on Engage!*

Engage Link: <https://cglink.me/2cy/r911952>



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

### QTPHD Chat

**Location:** Hayden Library (14S-100)

**Date:** Thursday, April 28th

**Time:** 5:30 pm

*qtPhDs @ MIT seeks to support LGBTQIA+ members of the MIT postdoctoral community during their time at MIT and as they go on to work in sectors such as academia, education, research, and industry. Join them for some snacks and a great discussion!*

## ///**BEYOND MIT**

### Transgender Embodied States of Recognition

*A study that explores recognition and experiences using personal identification documentation (IDs). The survey, which may take 10 to 30 minutes to complete, includes questions about your gender identification, IDs and experiences using them, name and pronoun recognition, your transition-related decisions, how you have felt in the past week, and basic demographic information.*

[tinyurl.com/transrecognition](https://tinyurl.com/transrecognition)

### Black Students Lead Spring 2022 Virtual Conference

*The overarching goal of the Black Students Lead Conference (BSL) is to help students become stronger leaders and allies to the Black community by practicing inclusion in their organizations and campuses.*

Register: [tinyurl.com/bslconference](https://tinyurl.com/bslconference)

LBGTQ+ Services does provide funding support:

[tinyurl.com/lbgtgfunding](https://tinyurl.com/lbgtgfunding)

## **///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. 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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