LBGTQ+ SERVICES

APRIL 2023
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
IT'S APRIL

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 happening in April with our office and others across the institute.

STUDENT PERFORMERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Lavender Graduation

LBGTQ+ Services is looking for student performers and volunteers for the 2023 Lavender Graduation.

Please email Assistant Director, Jeremy Torres (he/they) ejtorres@mit.edu by April 20th

LAVENDER GRADUATION

Save the date for on-campus/hybrid Lavender Graduation!

THURSDAY, MAY 4th from 4:30- 6pm
Burton-Conner Porter Room

All are welcome to attend. If you’re a student and/or alum from any class years: 2023, 2023, and 2021 then please come celebrate!

RSVP for all (Graduating students and guest) will close April 20th
RSVP Here: Tinyurl.com/2023LavenderGraduation

RL HOURS

Open Everyday via Tap Access
Student staff available
1:00 pm - 6pm M-F
Email: lbgt@mit.edu
LBGTQ+ Services would like to introduce to you all the Assistant Director of WXGS Nandini Choudhury. You can find Nandini in 3-308. Chat and connect with them.

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

Office Hours

Office hours for the LBGTQ+ Services
Assistant Director, Jeremy Torres (he/they) by email: ejtorres@mit.edu
NATURALLY TAN BY TAN FRANCE

TAGS: Memoir, Asian Pacific Islander, Muslim, South Asian, People of Color

Full of his candid observations about US and UK cultural differences, social media behavior, celebrity encounters, behind-the-scenes realities of reality TV, and--of course--fashion tips, Tan gives his unique perspective on the happiness to be found in being yourself.

THE SAVVY ALLY BY JEANNIE GAINSBURG

TAGS: Allies, Education, Politics, Nonfiction

The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate is an enjoyable, humorous, encouraging, easy to understand guidebook for being an ally to the LGBTQ+ communities. It is chock full of practical and useful tools for LGBTQ+ advocacy.

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: HTTPS://LBGTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/
Celebrate queer representation in animation with the Rainbow Lounge! Click the link to order a custom button with your favorite queer character (free of charge) and/or request shows to play at movie night!

**When and Where Is This?**

Date: Friday, April 7th  
Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
Location: Rainbow Lounge  
tinyurl.com/CustomQueerButton

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DRAG? BINGO! PRIZES! Stop by the Rainbow Lounge Saturday afternoon and play Drag Bingo! All are welcome to this CPW Event.

**When and Where Is This?**  
Date: Monday, April 11th  
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm EST  
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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Come to mix and mingle with community to celebrate Lesbian Day of Visibility! Enjoy light refreshments, decorate a planter and plant a succulent, and jam to a personalized queer/lesbian playlist!

**When and Where Is This?**  
Date: Monday, April 26th  
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm EST  
Location: Cheney Room (3-308G)
Join LBGTQ+ Services and Intercultural Engagement for a drop in lunch and chat before heading to class. Grab a burrito and stick around for a conversation about the intersection of Latinx and queer/trans identities.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, April 20th  
**Time:** 12pm-1pm  
**Location:** SPXCE W31-110

Join LBGTQ+ Services and Intercultural Engagement for a movie night and discussion about AAPI Queer Representation in media. We will be watching *Everything Everywhere All At Once* and having popcorn and bubble tea!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, April 28th  
**Time:** 5-7pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge Backroom (50-250)
Join WXGS for a day to learn about:

- Black Maternal healthcare
- Reproductive health access
- Access to quality healthcare
- Women's empowerment
- Crafting a reflection journal (1:15 pm)

**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Friday, April 14th  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Webinar/ 3-308G  
**RSVP:** [http://tiny.cc/WXGS_GC](http://tiny.cc/WXGS_GC)

Please join us for a fireside chat with Dr. Tina Opie—author, speaker, educator, and former MIT MLK Visiting Scholar—about her Shared Sisterhood framework: Dig, Bridge, Collective Action. Learn with us about an approach to achieving racial and gender equity that includes individual, interpersonal, and communal commitments, and empowers us all to be agents for change at MIT.

**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Monday, April 4  
**Time:** 12-1:15pm  
**Location:** Zoom/ Wong Auditorium (E51-115)

Join Women and Gender Services (WXGS) to make your own dark, milk, and white chocolate candy in various fidget popper toy molds. Take both home with you and chat with others! The center is a space for women and non-binary students.

**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26th  
**Time:** 3 - 5pm EST  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250

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**A Conversation with Dr. Tina Opie**

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**BiWOC Gathering Circle Symposium**

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**CPW WXGS Chocolate Making Event**
The RISE AWARDS - Recognizing Individuals Supporting Equity - is an opportunity to celebrate MIT faculty, staff and students on their work with diversity, inclusion and social justice on and off campus. MIT community members nominate their peers and colleagues for these awards. The RISE AWARDS is a collaboration sponsored by Intercultural Engagement (i.e.), LBGTQ+ Services, WXGS, OGE, OFY, OME, and ICEO.

The deadline to submit a nomination is April 3rd, 2023.

Award Descriptions:
https://tinyurl.com/wz47sxps
Make Nominations Here:
https://tinyurl.com/2jm9yzf9

Get to know the new Assistant Director of WXGS!

Stop by the Cheney Room to say hi, make candles, and eat delicious donuts from Donut Villa!

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Date: Thursday, April 6th
Time: 12:00 - 2:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308G)

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Pomegranate is a complex portrayal of queer Black womanhood and marginalization in America: a story of loss, healing, redemption, and strength. In lyrical and precise prose, Helen Elaine Lee paints a humane and unflinching portrait of the devastating effects of incarceration and addiction, and of one woman’s determination to tell her story.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: April 27th
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Location: R&D Commons in Stata
RSVP: tinyurl.com/booklaunchmit
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!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, April 10th
Time: 2:00 - 3:00
Location: Rainbow Lounge
The Spring Speaker Training prepares volunteer speakers to conduct interactive speaking engagements in schools, colleges, workplaces, faith communities, and beyond. Especially looking for interested BIPOC, transgender/nonbinary and younger speakers. The training will focus on valuable skills such as setting the right tone, shaping and telling a story, overcoming fear, working with a co-speaker, and answering difficult questions.

**What is disability justice and its relationship to racial justice?**

**What's the difference between access and inclusion?** These and other complex questions will be explored in this virtual Disabi-li-Tea workshop with Alex Locust, a Black biracial, queer, disability justice educator, activist, and “Glamputee” who celebrates the harmony of his identities to help create the world we all want to see.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Thursday, April 6th  
**Time:** 4pm - 5pm  
**RSVP:** tinyurl.com/MITdiscountticket

**Date:** Saturday, April 8th  
**Time:** 7pm and Sunday, April 9th at 2pm and 7pm  
**Location:** Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center  
**Get tickets:** tinyurl.com/MITconstellations
BEYOND MIT

REACH OUT LGBTQIA2S+ CAREER CONFERENCE

This event focuses on the perspectives and concerns of LGBTQIA2S+ students in preparation for co-op, internships, and professional life beyond campus. Hear from professionals in various industries about navigating diverse professional cultures as LGBTQIA2S+ people. Breakout workshops on topics such as understanding employer-sponsored health insurance, navigating legal name and gender marker change processes, and knowing your rights in the workplace.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Saturday, April 8th
Time: 9:45am - 3:30pm
Location: Northeastern University, John D. O'Bryant African American Institute
Register: lgbtqa.northeastern.edu/REACHOUT/

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FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE ICA: BREAK THE MOLD

The ICA is partnering with the Teachers' Lounge and Boston While Black to close out Simone Leigh opening week with drinks, dancing, art-making and more! Don’t miss karaoke with DJ Outlaw, a music competition, and dancing with DJ Yvng Pavl.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, April 7
Time: 6pm - 10pm
Location: ICA Boston
Get Tickets: tinyurl.com/firstfridayica
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. Our 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.

- 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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