LBGTQ+ SERVICES

APRIL 2021

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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.

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Office hours for the LBGTQ+ Services Assistant Director, Lauryn McNair (she/they) by email: lmcnair@mit.edu

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. Performers will be compensated.

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

WELCOME

Mondays, April 5, 12, and 26 1:00 - 3:00 PM EST

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Welcome

Office Hours Virtual Hangouts

mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

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**WHAT IS QTPOC?**
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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Wednesday, April 7
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712

**WHAT IS WFF?**
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: lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Fridays, April 2, 16, and 30
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

**RAINBOW LOUNGE HANGOUT**
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.

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Date: Mondays, April 5, 12, and 26
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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.

TAGS: Deaf, Lesbian, Mental Hospital

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.

TAGS: Latinx, Trans, Young Adult
WEB FAM FRIDAY
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 LBGTQ+ and ally MIT community.

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WORN STORIES WATCH PARTY
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, April 5
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

THIS IS A ROBBERY: THE WORLD’S BIGGEST ART HEIST WATCH PARTY
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, April 12
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800
SHADOW AND BONE WATCH PARTY

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, April 26
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800

QTPOC MOVIE NIGHT

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, April 7
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/97244077712

QTPOC EARTH DAY PLANT GIVEAWAY

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, April 22
Location: LBGTQ+ Instagram @rainbow_lounge_mit
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.

When and Where is This?
Date: Tuesday, May 11
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM EST
Location: Check back at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

Escape the Room
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!

When and Where is This?
Location: Email Lauryn McNair at lmcnair@mit.edu
**Fireside Chat with Mikki Kendall**

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.

**When and Where is This?**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 28  
**Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 PM EST  
**Location:** RSVP at tinyurl.com/mikkiMIT

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**SaveTFP! Friday Events**

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!

**When and Where is This?**

**Date:** Fridays  
**Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Sign up for updates at tinyurl.com/savetfpmail

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**Radical Love Across Difference**

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!

**When and Where is This?**

**Date:** Friday, April 9 - Sunday April 11  
**Location:** RSVP and schedule at tinyurl.com/GWCSLove
THE PRIVILEGED POOR
How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students

ANTHONY ABRAHAM JACK

2021 COMPTON LECTURE: THINKING ABOUT RACISM
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, April 22
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST
Location: More info is at tinyurl.com/AppiahMIT

MOVEMENTS AND CHANGE: RACE AND JUSTICE ACROSS AFRICA TODAY
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, April 14
Time: 12:30 - 2:00 PM EST
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/MITAfrica0416

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, April 6
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM EST
Location: RSVP at tinyurl.com/JackMITS21

ANTHONY JACK MIT READS EVENT
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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, April 6
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM EST
Location: RSVP at tinyurl.com/JackMITS21
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.

Join several offices at MIT as we celebrate MIT community members that are true champions of diversity, inclusion, and social justice in their communities, across the Institute, and off campus. During the ceremony, the 2021 awards will be announced.

**APPLY TO THE GEL PROGRAM**
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.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Date:** Rolling Admissions by Sunday, April 11 & Regular Admissions by Sunday, May 9
**Location:** Apply at gelp.mit.edu/admissions

**NOMINATE RISE AWARDS**
The MIT Rise Awards seek to recognize individuals supporting equity.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Due Date:** Friday, April 16
**Location:** Nominate at bit.ly/mitrise21

**SAVE THE DATE FOR RISE AWARDS**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Date:** Tuesday, May 4
**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST
**Location:** Stay tuned at tinyurl.com/RiseCeremony21
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.

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**Location:** Check back at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Thursday, April 15  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM EST  
**Location:** More info is at tinyurl.com/MITViral

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Various events in April hosted by different universities  
**Location:** More info at tinyurl.com/JTJ2021
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.

EXPLORING RACIAL IDENTITY SKILLS & DISCUSSION GROUP

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Start Date: July 2021
Location: Email Dr. Patel for more info and to schedule a screening at patel@med.mit.edu

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, April 21
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM EST
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/GirlDecodedMIT
GWAMIT Leadership Conference: Leading for the Future

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!

When and Where Is This?
Date: Monday, April 5 - Friday, April 9
Location: Check for more info at gsc.mit.edu/gwamit

Harvard/MIT LGBTQ+ Grad Mixer

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

When and Where Is This?
Date: Thursday, April 8
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM EST
Location: Look out on our website lbgt.mit.edu

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

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.

When and Where Is This?
Date: Wednesday, April 21
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM EST
Location: RSVP at tinyurl.com/GWAMITLBGTQ
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.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
**Date:** Wednesday, April 7  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM EST  
**Location:** Register at tinyurl.com/NYUBlackLesbian
UMASS BOSTON UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Location: For more details check tinyurl.com/CovidLGBTQBoston

WICKED QUEER

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: April (entire month)
Location: wickedqueer.org

PAID BI/PAN WOC STUDY

Participants must be at least 18 years old and identify as a woman at least some of the time, have a bisexual, plurisexual, or multiattracted 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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Location: Find more details and complete the survey at tinyurl.com/BiWOCsurvey
you are welcome here

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

MIT Rainbow Lounge
Walker Memorial 2nd Floor (50-250)