

LBGTQ+ Services

December LBGTQ+

NEWSLETTER

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ICE, ICE BABY

All right stop. Collaborate and listen. LBGTQ+'s got a brand new mission. And that mission is telling you all about the fun and interesting things happening in December.

We hope you all stay warm and cozy despite the snowy conditions. There's finals and then holidays happening, but before then we have a couple programs and events for you to chill with friends and have good food in your communities.

Also just to let you all know, the **RAINBOW LOUNGE WILL HAVE LIMITED HOURS** during the week of finals. And it'll close **December 21st - January 3rd.**

SPXCE Hours

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00 pm

///**BLACK AND PINK**

Black and Pink's mission is to abolish the criminal punishment system and to liberate LGBTQIA2S+ people/people living with HIV who are affected by that system, through advocacy, support, and organizing.

SPXCE will be having a non-denominational holiday card coloring and decorating event in conjunction with finals lunches during the week of finals (December 16 - 20th). These cards will then be sent to Black and Pink to give to incarcerated people, many of whom are LBGTQ+ and QTPoC. Please feel free to drop by and help contribute towards our goal of sending cards for the holidays. Further information on page 5.

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

Lazos: A Place at the Table for TQPOC and Allies of Color

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, December 11

12:00 - 1:00 PM

“Lazo” is one of several Spanish language terms for “bow”, referencing the latter half of “rainbow” as well as the identities and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Have you ever felt like you weren’t “----- enough”? Or like you were “too -----” around people of your same sexual orientation? Have you thought that your experiences felt different than people of other genders? Come kick it with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color who work to bring an open-minded, caring, and respectful sense of community to MIT. We look forward to seeing you!

This Lazos event is being held from 12-1pm on Wednesday to talk about Going Home for the Holidays.

First Year Dinners

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Every Thursday

17:45-18:45/5:45-6:45 PM

Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly First Year dinners for our LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students (ugrad and grad), reclaiming a sense of community.

First Year Dinner will be cancelled on Thursday, December 12th! Please join us for Jolly Holla-Gay Time Celebration on Friday, December 13!

QLAB: Queer & LBGT Advisory Board

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

On hold for now!

17:00-18:00/5:00-6:00 PM

Q-LAB is going to be on hold for the fall semester as we work to revamp it and make it a great consistent event for students! Be on the lookout for more information in the future around focus groups.

Interested in shaping Q-LAB? Email Lauryn McNair (lmcnair@mit.edu)

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Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December LGBTQ+ Book Recs.

Angels in America by Tony Kushner

TAGS: *AIDS, drama, fiction, queer men, play*

Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Angels in America focuses on a group of people during the AIDS crisis who try to make sense of the world they find themselves in.

A Whisper of Bones by Ellen Hart

TAGS: *fiction, murder mystery, thriller, queer women*

After years of silence from her cousin Timmy, Britt Ickles is shocked when her aunts tell her he never existed. Britt hires Jane Lawless to discover what really happened to him.

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Black and Pink Holiday Card Making

16th, 18th, and 19th are in SPXCE. The 17th is at the LCC

Monday, December 16 - Thursday, December 19

12:00-1:00 PM / 12:00-13:00

While you're grabbing your finals winter lunch, join us in a Black and Pink holiday card making party! Card making supplies and recipients are provided!

How Do You Pitch Peace? PKG Center

PKG Center (W20-549)

Thursday, December 5
8:00-9:00 PM / 20:00-21:00

Join PKG for a free Thai dinner and a walkthrough of the Davis Projects for Peace Fellowship. Learn how to best write a proposal and get the chance to work on your proposal with PKG staff!

Get more information: <https://mit.givepulse.com/event/148180>

10k Davis Projects for Peace

PKG Center (W20-549)
Thursday, December 12
3:00-5:00 PM / 15:00-17:00

The Davis Projects for Peace is a \$10k Fellowship awarded to an MIT Undergraduate student to support their mission of building peace in an area of crisis. Projects must be conducted during the summer of 2020.

Learn more: <https://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/>

Where the Pavement Ends: Film Screening and Discussion

9-354
Thursday, December 5
3:00-5:30 PM / 15:00-17:30

My Sister's Keeper is holding a film screening and discussion of Where the Pavement Ends, a movie about the history of Ferguson. The writers, Jane Gillooly and Khary Jones, will be at the event as panelists and will lead a discussion and Q&A on the movie. Light dinner also served.

Get more information: <http://wgs.mit.edu/my-sisters-keeper>

Jolly Holla-Gay Time Celebration

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Friday, December 13

6:00-8:00 PM / 18:00-20:00

Instead of the monthly LBGTQ+ Movie Night and First Year Dinner, join us in a Jolly Holla-Gay Time Celebration! There will be dinner, hot cocoa, snacks, and a screening! It will be YOUR choice of what we will watch!

PKG Snowflake Study Break

PKG Center (W20-549)

Thursday, December 12

3:00-5:00 PM / 15:00-17:00

Drop by the PKG Center for a fun crafty study break. Make paper snowflakes, meet new friends, and celebrate the end of the semester with PKG! No RSVP needed.

Get more information:

<https://mit.givepulse.com/event/148034-PKGs-Snowflake-Study-Break>

Winter Finals Lunches

16th, 18th, and 19th are in SPXCE. The 17th is at the LCC

Monday, December 16 - Thursday, December 19

12:00-1:00 PM / 12:00-13:00

Finals are fast approaching! To ease your stress, come to SPXCE and the LCC to eat food from Darryl's, Machu Chicken, House of Tandoor, and Lotus Express!

T-Time: A trans, GNC, GQ, GNB Group

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Thursday, December 12

2:30-3:30 PM / 14:30-15:30

Celebrate the snow and holidays with another T-time. Meet and chat with cool folx, while enjoying snacks and hot drinks. Connect with community, share stories of strength and inspiration, and celebrate the lives and mourn the loss of some of our community's greatest Queeroes (queer heroes).

Meditation for Your Well-Being

E23-385A

Wednesday, December 11

12:10 PM / 12:10

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Going Home for the Holidays

SPXCE (W31-110)

Wednesday, December 11

12:00-1:00 PM / 12:00-13:00

Many people may face challenges going home for the Winter holidays! Join the Office of Multicultural Programming and LGBTQ+ Services in a roundtable discussion about going home for the holidays.

Waffle Night!

MIT Coffeehouse Lounge

Friday, December 13

11:00 PM / 23:00

Come enjoy delicious waffles with all your friends after classes have ended!

Documentary Screening by AID

MIT, Building 4, Room 237

Saturday, December 14
4:30-6:30 PM / 16:30-18:30

The Association for India's Development (AID), MIT, and Boston chapters present a screening of Alpo Jana Golpogulo ("The Lesser Known Stories").

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Grad Resources Page

You talked and we listened! In April there was a graduate meeting to talk about hopes, needs, and support specifically focused on graduate students. Find out more about the page by going to our "Stay Connected" tab under the "Graduate Student Opportunities" section.

The full web address is:

<https://lbgtq.mit.edu/stay-connected/graduate-student-resources>

LBGTQ+ Services will also include a grad specific section for students to advertise grad programs in the newsletter. Email **lmcnair@mit.edu** if you would like your event advertised in a future newsletter.

GSC DEI Pizza Social

4-149
Tuesday, December 10
5:00-7:00 PM / 17:00-19:00

Please join the Graduate Student Council Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee (DEI) would like to invite you to our end-of-semester GSC DEI Pizza Social!

Meet the GSC Department Diversity Conduits + other grad students engaged in diversity work across MIT! RSVP - <https://tinyurl.com/deisocial>

Cookie Swap

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Thursday, December 12

4:00-6:00 PM / 16:00-18:00

Please join the qtPhDs in their second annual holiday cookie exchange. Swap sweets to celebrate the end of the semester! You are encouraged (but not required) to bake/bring a treat of your own to share with others!

Bio-LBGTQ

BioLGBTQ+ is a new graduate student group focused on creating a space where LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in the Biology community can feel comfortable sharing their experiences. We aim to foster community through fun monthly social events, as well as advocate for LGBTQ+ issues within the biology department and raise awareness through informative lecture series and guest speakers. We welcome all LGBTQ+ individuals affiliated with the Biology department, whether undergraduate, graduate, post-doc, faculty, or staff.

Contact: biolgbtq_admin@mit.edu

LBGT Grad

LBGT Grad is the student group run by and for LBGT grad students, postdocs, and friends of the MIT community.

Website: stuff.mit.edu/afs/athena/activity/l/lgbtgrad/www/

LBGT Grad POC

A group for graduate queer and trans people of color to hang out, connect, chat, and support one another in a safe space.

Contact: grad-qpoc-admin@mit.edu

Sloan LGBT

Sloan Pride is a student organization established to foster and promote an open and honest environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students, partners, faculty and staff in the Sloan community. We seek to promote positive images of the LGBT community and to foster opportunities for personal and professional growth regardless of sexual or gender identity.

Website:

web.mit.edu/sloan-lgbt/

QUBE (Queers in the Built Environment)

QuBE aims to highlight and create dialogue around the intersection of queer identity and the built environment through a variety of media including speakers, conferences, partnerships, publications, and social events. QuBE also serves to support and increase the visibility of queer students, faculty, and staff in the School of Architecture + Planning and the MIT community at large.

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Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program

The Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program will be put on pause for the fall and spring semester and resume in Fall 2020.

This gives enough time for LBGTQ+ Services to restructure the program once there is a new Assistant Dean of LBGTQ+ Services and make it even better!

In the meantime, for those interested in unofficial mentoring opportunities or information, please contact Lauryn McNair. lmcnair@mit.edu

Family Dinner is Changing

Next semester, Family Dinners will be every FRIDAY of the week instead of Thursday.

They will be run by LBGTQ+ Services' awesome graduate student, Nikki Abeleda, who you all should meet.

There will be further reminders and emails about this in January and February.

Gender Inclusive Bathrooms Committee

If you're interested in being a part of the revamped gender inclusive bathrooms committee for MIT then please email Lauryn McNair, lmcnair@mit.edu for interest and information.

The committee will be looking for students (undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty and staff.

///**BEYOND MIT**

CILAC Freire Winter LGBTQ Program

Mexico

January 4-17, 2020

A progressive Spanish immersion school in Mexico, is hosting a two week Winter LGBTQ Program that teaches students about the the real situation of the LGBTQ community in Mexico through the study of the language and cultural exchange.

Email: [infor@cilacfreire,mx](mailto:infor@cilacfreire.mx)

Link: <http://www.cilacfreire.mx/en/WinterLGBTQ>

Latinx LGBTQIA Conference

4-149

Saturday, December 7

8:30 AM-3:00 PM / 8:30-15:00

Boston Nous, Inc and Call for Action Inc. (CFA) are hosting the first ever LatinX LGBTQIA Motivation, Empowerment, Health and Personal Development Conference & Community Leadership Awards to be held in the city of Boston Massachusetts. Free!

Register Link: <https://tinyurl.com/rcbdu6j>

Boston Queer Day Hike

651 Willard St, Quincy, MA 02169

Sunday, December 8

10:00 AM-4:00 PM / 10:00-16:00

Please join The Venture Out Project for a day hike! This hike is open to the LGBTQ+ Community and their allies. There is trailhead parking as well as parking across the street at the sports complex. Dogs allowed on trail!

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/vxaudt5>

Holly-Gay Market

Blend, 1310 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester MA

Sunday, December 15

12:00-6:00 PM / 12:00-18:00

We thrilled to announce our first ever Holly-Gay Market! A holiday gift market dedicated to LGBTQ and ALLIES. Featuring a curated collection of makers, artists, designers, specialty food vendors and small business owners. All are welcome to attend this holiday extravaganza!

Free Admission!

Desi Queer Diaspora Conference 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

6505 N Interstate Hwy

35 Austin TX 78752

May 15-17

DQD 2020 is a conference that aims to gather LGBTQ+ & TGNC South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and folks that identify within the Desi Diaspora. Deadline for submitting proposal to present: November 11

Last date to register: March 1st

Register link & more info: <https://www.desiqdiaspora.org/register>

Queer Neon Dance Party

Bella Luna Lounge, 284 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA

Friday, December 6

10:00 PM / 22:00

Join La Boum in Après-ski Boum! Queer Neon Dance Party! Need to warm-it-up after slipping down those icy slopes in your neon flannel windbreaker? Come through and listen to Beyonce to Madonna, Whitney to Britney, and Robyn to Lizzo!

Free Admission, 21+

MAPA Black & Pink Holiday Card Making

Dorchester, MA-Address will be given out closer to event date!

Friday, December 6

7:00-10:00 PM / 19:00-22:00

Mixed Asian Pacific-Islander Association is hosting a Black and Pink holiday card making party! Card making supplies and recipients are provided via Black and Pink, but please feel free to bring any additional art supplies and/or stamps to send the cards!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2442800119304052/>

Queer Board Game Night

338 Newbury St, Boston, MA

Saturday, December 7

6:00-7:00 PM / 18:00-19:00

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community? Do you like board games?! We're gathering together at Trident for a board game night, all queer-identifying folks and allies are welcome! Our full menu plus a celebratory drink special will be available. This event will be hosted at Trident Booksellers & Cafe

NAPAWF December Hot-Pot-Luck: Heal Act

Somerville, MA

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM / 16:00

#NAPAWFBoston is a community of self-identified Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American trans, nonbinary, gender non-conforming folks and cis women. Please note potlucks are open to self-identified ANHPIDA folk only. Email for: BostonLeaders@napawf.org for address

National Novel Writing Month

75 Amory St, Garden Level

November 2019 - Mondays

7:00-8:00 PM / 19:00-20:00

Boston GLASS is hosting a writing group for November - NaNoWriMo! If you're an LGBTQ person of color between the ages of 13-25 come on by! All short stories, poetry, screenplays, or any other creative writing projects are welcome! Contact: Makana Bailey

Email: mbailey@jri.org

Contact Number: 857-399-1920 ext 2403

Queeraoke at Midway Cafe

3496 Washington St, Jamaica Plain

December 26 and 27

10:00 PM-2:00 AM / 22:00-2:00

Do you like karaoke? Belt out your favorite tunes and dance like no one is watching at Midway Cafe! Queeraoke is one of Boston's longest running successful queer nights!

A Super Gay Christmas

30 Gainsborough St

December 15-22

Come out and watch the Boston Gay Men Choir at Jordan Hall as they sing the holiday classics!

Ticket prices are available on their website.

Link: <https://calendar.artsboston.org/event/a-super-gay-christmas/>

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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Trans.mit.edu