We hope that students are taking the time to relax a bit before the chaos that is Finals Week. This month, we will be providing students with an environment where we hope they can find a moment of peace during this time.

We have a few programs happening over the next few weeks we are very excited to share with all of you. We hope this month brings plenty of opportunities to learn more about the topics you’re interested in so you can effectively equip yourself for any situation, no matter the difficulty.

Thank you for being here! We are here for you.
MEET THE TEAM

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As the semester winds down, we want to remind you of the Winter Holidays Closure of Walker Memorial (50):

Closing Friday, 12/22/23 at 10 pm
Reopening Tuesday, 1/2/24 at 8 am.

During this closure, no access will be possible to the building.
Soft Science explores queer, Asian American femininity. A series of Turing Test-inspired poems grounds its exploration of questions not just of identity, but of consciousness—how to be tender and feeling and still survive a violent world filled with artificial intelligence and automation. We are dropped straight into the tangled intersections of technology, violence, erasure, agency, gender, and loneliness.

TAGS: Queer, Poetry, Asian American, femininity

Robin Gow’s A Million Quiet Revolutions is a modern love story, told in verse, about two teenaged trans boys who name themselves after two Revolutionary War soldiers. A lyrical, aching young adult romance perfect for fans of The Poet X, Darius the Great is Not Okay, and Aristotle and Dante Discover the Universe.

TAGS: Transgender, Poetry, History, Romance
Our next LBGTQ+ Advisory Board meeting will be next Monday from 5-6pm in the Rainbow Lounge. Engage in conversations with Assistant Director of LBGTQ+ Services, as well as other students on future programs you want to see us hold. We want to hear from YOU! Make your voice heard!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Monday, December 4th  
**Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Black Student Union and LBGTQ+ Services invites you to relax by painting mini terracotta pots for your plant babies! All are welcome

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Friday, December 8  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Get cozy and unwind with a winter movie night featuring the film, The Golden Compass. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12th  
**Time:** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Sci-fi/Fantasy
The holidays can be a stressful time for many people for a variety of reasons, particularly for students who identify as LBGTQ+ going back to hostile home environments. In collaboration with WXGS, we invite students to attend our workshop dedicated to addressing this concern.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Thursday, December 14th  
**Time:** 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Join us for a mixer and screening of a short video on Black and Palestinian solidarity, play some games, and engage in community building. Teas and snacks will be provided!

**ARAB STUDENT ORGANIZATION AND PALESTINE@MIT MIXER**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, December 1  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
**Location:** BSU Lounge

**SEX OLYMPICS**

WXGS and PLEASURE will be hosting Sex Olympics as a fun way to learn about safe sex, consent, and sexual and reproductive health information through games. There will be multiple games for you to win and resource tables to grab free sex toys, contraceptives, candy, and other prizes.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**DATE:** Friday, December 1  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Wellbeing Lab, W20-308

**WORLD AIDS DAY PANEL**

Explore the work that remains to be done to fight stigma and discrimination, as well as to understand why celebrating World AIDS Day is important as part of reaching the goal of eradicating the transmission of HIV by 2030

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, December 1  
**Time:** 4:00 GMT  
**Virtual:** [tinyurl.com/mudwwu36](http://tinyurl.com/mudwwu36)
Crafting an effective CV can be a daunting task, especially when you're competing with hundreds of other applicants for the same job. It is essential to know how to present your professional profile in the best possible way, highlighting your skills, achievements, and experiences that match the job requirements.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13  
**Time:** 4:00 pm GMT  
**Location:** tinyurl.com/54ps4hwa

In this webinar we explore rapport-building models and theories that can be used to create and develop relationships, navigate difficult conversations, ask for what you need/want and communicate effectively.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, December 14  
**Time:** 4:00 pm GMT  
**Location:** tinyurl.com/5su3zsey

E Wiesner Student Art Gallery, Aubrie R.M. James, SMACT ‘24 explores the ways in which the environment at MIT is not porous. The hard-surfaced landscape, she says, conspires to convince us that we are somehow in a place without memory.
Harvard Black Community and Student Theater would like to extend an invitation to the members of LBGTQ@MIT to our fall production of "BLKS".

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday December 7-10  
**Time:** 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Agassiz Theatre
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
- **BWA:** Black Women’s Alliance
- **SSAW:** Student Support and Wellbeing
- **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
- **I.E.:** Intercultural Engagement
- **SPXCE:** Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement
- **RL:** Rainbow Lounge
- **WXGS:** Women and Gender Services
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