Welcome & Happy Holidays!

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.

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Open Everyday via Tap Access 6 am - 2 am the following day

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Walker/Rainbow Lounge December Closure

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.

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///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Soft Science

TAGS: Queer, Poetry, Asian American, femininity
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.

A million quiet revolutions

TAGS: Transgender, Poetry, History, Romance

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

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

LBGTQ+ Advisory Board

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Date: Monday, December 4th

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Join the conversation! Calling at LBGTQ+ students! Have you ever wanted your voice to be heard? Come to our Advisory Board meeting and make a difference in the programming and services that matter most to you. Now is your chance.
BSU x LBGTQ+ Mini Terracotta Pot Painting

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

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

Winter Movie night Ft: The Golden Compass

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

Get cozy and unwind with a winter movie night featuring the film, The Golden Compass. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided! Rated: PG-13 Genre: Sci-fi/Fantasy

Going Home for the Holidays: Navigating your Identity when going home

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Thursday, December 14th
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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.

////@MIT FOR ALL

Arab Student Organization and Palestine@MIT Mixer

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!

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.

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

Date: Friday, December 1
Time: 4:00 GMT
Virtual: tinyurl.com/mudwwu36

MyGwork: CV Writing workshop

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.

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

Mygwork: Being Seen and Getting Heard workshop

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

Shore/lime/line/light MIT ARTS

_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._

Date: Friday, December 1
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Location: Wiesner Gallery (Student Center Floor 2)

“BLKs” Harvard Production

Harvard Black Community and Student Theater would like to extend an invitation to the members of LBGTQ@MIT to our fall production of "BLKS".

**Date:** Thursday December 7-10

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** [Agassiz Theatre](https://example.com/agassiz-theatre)
///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.

- 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
- RL: Rainbow Lounge WXGS: Women and Gender Services

You are welcome here

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

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