February is Black Heritage Month: a celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

For black queer and trans people, this month can be a complicated one due to their intersecting identities of gender and/or sexuality in relation to their race/ethnicity (much like many QTPoC). If you're looking for community, LBGTQ+ Services has a brand new QTPoC page lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc and make sure to check our programming for events.

LBGTQ+ SERVICES

Office Hours

Office hours for the LBGTQ+ Services
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BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

BLACK LBGTQ+ CONVERSATIONS

The Office of Multicultural Programs is putting on a series of MIT Black Community Conversations. Join Lauryn McNair (she/they) and DJ Rock (they/them) in a 90 minute workshop and discussion on being black and queer as well as tips and best practices for creating intersectional LBGTQ+ inclusive environments. Open to MIT students in the community.

Thursday, February 25th at 8pm EST.

mit.zoom.us/j/91884660644

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Virtual Hangouts

mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424

Tuesdays Feb 2, 9
12PM - 2PM EST
**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?**

Find out more information about zoom link and date on our website: lbgtq.mit.edu/qt poc

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**WHAT IS WFF?**

Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen on 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, February 5, 19
Time: TBD
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424

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**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.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Tuesdays, February 2, 9
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424
FEBRUARY LBGTQ+ BOOK RECS.

ZAMI: A NEW SPELLING OF MY NAME BY AUDRE LORDE

TAGS: Lesbian, Black, Non-Fiction

Zami: A New Spelling of My Name is a 1982 biomythography by American poet Audre Lorde. From the author’s vivid childhood memories in Harlem to her coming of age in the late 1950s, the nature of Audre Lorde’s work is cyclical.

ARC 1: THE SECRET INGREDIENT IS LOVE. NO, REALLY (STAKE SAUCE) BY ROANNA SYLVER

TAGS: Asexual, White, Fantasy

Jude used to leap out of helicopters, but now he’s a mall cop with PTSD fighting vampires. One day, he meets Pixie, a vampire who won’t bite others. And Pixie could use some help staying ‘alive.’ Time for a deal.
OUTSIDE THE WIRE WATCH PARTY

Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout to watch the new Netflix action movie just released in January. The movie, set in the near future, features a drone pilot sent into a war zone who finds himself paired up with a top-secret android officer on a mission to stop a nuclear attack. The movie is rated R.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, February 2
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM EST
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424

PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR WATCH PARTY

Don’t you miss the classic animated movies? For a Rainbow Lounge Hangout, we will be watching Penguins of Madagascar. Led by Agent Classified, this special interspecies task force must stop a many-tentacled villain, Dr. Octavius Brine, from destroying the world. Rated PG.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Tuesday, February 9
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM EST
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424

WEB FAM FRIDAYS

Join us on Fridays in February to kick back and chill. Might be a movie, might be a game, might be something else. No matter what it is you can come and hangout with other folks.

Check back for more details at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Fridays, February 5, 19
Time: TBD
Location:
mit.zoom.us/j/94972487424
Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week (ASAW)

ASAW, held after Valentine's Day, began in large part as a way for the aromantic community who had difficulty finding space for their experiences in such a universally romanticized event to come together and celebrate their own unique experiences.

When and Where is this?
Date: Thursday, February 21 - Thursday, February 28
Time: All week
Location: lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

Join LBGTQ+ services for a Crafterday Corner for a casual, low-key Zoom crafting session with fellow MIT students. We will send a free craft kit to an address of your choosing when you sign up! No crafting experience required. This program is sponsored by MindHandHeart at MIT and is open to all MIT students.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, February 12
Time: 5:00 PM EST
Location: Sign-up at tinyurl.com/FebCrafterday
Join mit.zoom.us/j/97453500814

Valentine's Day Movie

Join us online Valentine's Day Weekend to enjoy a queer romantic movie together and eat your favorite snack.

Check back online for what movie (or short films) on our website at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

When and Where is this?
Date: Saturday, February 13
Time: 6PM EST
Location: mit.zoom.us/j/92560531460

Crafterday Corner

Meet fellow MIT students, receive a free craft kit, learn how to do a new craft.

When and Where is this?
Date: February 12
Time: 6-7PM
**NEW QTPOC PAGE**

The new Queer Trans People of Color (QTPOC) page provides MIT students with the latest LBGTQ+ resources and programs throughout the year. You’ll find virtual programming, book recommendations, and external/internal resources. The page will be updated regularly.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 24  
**Time:** TBD!  
**Location:** Register at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0

**VIRTUAL SHOWING OF DISNEY+'S SOUL**

LBGTQ+ Services and OMP BSU are collaborating to show the family-friendly movie Soul. Bring some popcorn, snacks, drinks and enjoy a movie about Jazz, life, and Black culture. Open to all in the MIT community.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 10  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:00 PM EST  
**Location:** mit.zoom.us/j/92479968823

**ESCAPE THE ROOM**

Just like physical escape rooms, digital escape rooms provide a challenging adventure for you and your friends, family or loved-ones. You’ll get the same cooperative gameplay, puzzles and tasks to overcome as you all work towards a shared goal — escaping the room, except it’s all virtual. **REGISTER ONLINE.**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 24  
**Time:** TBD!  
**Location:** Register at lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-0
QTPOC SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEOVER

Starting the 16th of February, you will be able to learn about Black LBGTQ+ history through quizzes, crosswords, and other ways on LBGTQ+ social media platforms.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: February 16 - 23
Location: LBGTQ+ Social Media
Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit
Twitter: @lbgtMIT
Facebook: lbgt@mit

LBGTQ+ VIDEO RESOURCES

LBGTQ+ Services is creating quick 101 educational videos for people to view, share, and learn from. Please check back once a semester to find a new video added. These videos have toggle on/off closed captions.

The first video is on gender neutral pronouns.
FEMINISMS UNBOUND - GLOBAL PROTESTS
Join the GCWS for a panel on how protest messages and movements lay bare the asymmetries of privilege and oppression, the unevenness of growth and wellbeing, and simultaneously encourage a social transformation that takes seriously interdependencies of life, humanity, and ecology.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, February 18
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM EST
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/GCWSFeb18

ROOTED ZINE ISSUE TWO
MIT AAI is looking to feature stories from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the second issue of our zine series Rooted. MIT AAI are looking for art, from visual to written, revolving around the themes of solitude, solidarity, and boundaries. All submissions by AAPI folks welcome.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Submissions Due: Sunday, March 28
Location: Submit at tinyurl.com/AAIZine2; info email aai-zine@mit.edu

SPRING 2021: LEARNING PAST WHITE-WASHED CURRICULUM
Looking for spring classes? MIT AAI put together a list of classes to learn beyond Eurocentric and white-washed classes. There is a graphic of slides that highlight classes traditionally overlooked in the American education system that MIT students can enroll in this Spring 2021 at MIT, Harvard, or Wellesley.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Location: The graphic is available at tinyurl.com/AAIGraphic and a longer list is at tinyurl.com/mitspring2021
**47th Annual Martin Luther King (MLK) Celebration**

Program will include a keynote address, as well as musical selections and brief remarks by an MIT graduate student, undergraduate student, and staff member. Breakout rooms later will allow for some unstructured social time to connect as a community.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 10  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Check back at tinyurl.com/MITMLK21 for more info

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**Reimagining Public Safety**

The MIT Black Graduate Student Association and the Institute Community Equity Office are proud to announce a live discussion and Q&A on campus policing and the “defund the police” movement with community organizers from Chicago, New York and Boston.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Thursday, February 4  
**Time:** 1:00 - 2:30 PM EST  
**Location:** web.mit.edu/webcast/bgsa/s21

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**Artist Talk Cindy Ji Hye Kim**

Join artist Cindy Ji Hye Kim and Dr. Maria Walsh, researcher and art critic at Chelsea College of Arts and author of Art and Psychoanalysis (2012), for a gallery talk on the exhibition List Projects 22: Cindy Ji Hye Kim. They will examine psychoanalysis and relationships between the body and structures of power.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 10  
**Time:** 12:30 - 1:30 PM EST  
**Location:** RSVP at tinyurl.com/ListFeb10

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**Happening at MIT: For All (Contd.)**
LEADER CONFERENCE
The “I’m a LEADer” (Learning Equity and Diversity) Conference is a collaborative effort between SPXCE and SOLE teams. There will provide space for students to engage in conversations about diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice and give them the skills to learn more about themselves and others.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Weekdays, February 1-12
Time: Workshop times vary
Location: Register at tiny.cc/leader21

LINCOLN LABS MLK CELEBRATION
Join Lincoln Labs celebrating Dr. King’s legacy on increasing inclusion within the technical domain. Dr. Karl Reid, Executive Director, National Society of Black Engineers, will be the speaker for this year’s celebration, which has a theme of “Fulfilling the Dream with Courage and Hope”.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, February 4
Time: 1:00 PM EST
Location:

SOLVE’S VIRTUAL INDIGENOUS INNOVATORS SUMMIT 2021
Dive into discussions with cross-sector leaders as we explore the necessary facets of a fruitful ecosystem of Indigenous entrepreneurs, showcasing best practices for partnerships in tribal communities. You’ll connect with Indigenous Communities Fellowship winners to share advice and ideas.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wednesday, Feb 10 – Thursday Feb 11
Time: Varies
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/solveFeb10
**Happening at MIT: For All (Contd.)**

**LGBTQ+ Inclusivity within the Black Community**

Join Lauryn McNair (she/they) and DJ Rock (they/them) in a 90 minute workshop and discussion on being black and queer as well as tips and best practices for creating intersectional LGBTQ+ inclusive environments. Sponsored by the OMP and intended for Black students in the MIT community.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Thursday, February 25  
**Time:** 8:00 - 9:30 PM EST  
**Location:** Zoom  
Meeting ID is 918 8466 0644

**BSU Guided Meditation**

Rach Junard (she/they) is a wellness educator, yoga instructor and healer guide is leading guided meditations with the BSU. They are 500 RYT certified with a trauma informed lens. Rach is also the co-founder of You Good, Sis, a wellness collective for Black and brown women, femmes and trans folks.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date & Time:** Monday, February 8, 12:00 - 12:30 PM EST & Thursday, February 11, 5:00 - 5:30 PM EST  
**Location:** Zoom  
Meeting ID is 998 7831 0073

**MIT Reads**

This spring the MIT Reads program with FLI@MIT and CASE is featuring The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students by Anthony Abraham Jack. The Privileged Poor talks about how and why disadvantaged students struggle at elite colleges and how colleges can help them thrive.

**When and Where is this?**

**Location:** Get more information on how to get the book and upcoming events at tinyurl.com/MITReads21
It is that time of year, the annual LGBT Grad Speed Networking Event! Looking for a Valentine’s Day date or just want to make friends with other queer students on campus? Then this is the event for you. :) There will also be a $15 food voucher. Make sure to bring a "beverage."

**When and Where is This?**

**Date:** Friday, February 10  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 PM EST  
**Location:** RSVP at bit.ly/queernerd
CollegeHush Mentors Wanted

CollegeHush bridges this gap between representation and reality by providing high school clients with college students who attend the schools to which they are applying. CollegeHush pays mentors to meet on Zoom for 20 or 40 minutes (at the client’s choosing), during which the mentor provides genuine insight.

When and Where is this?
Location: To apply to be mentor check out collegehush.com/be-a-mentor

African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon
Join the National Museum of African American History and Culture and BlackComputerHER as they celebrate African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon. Participants will create and edit Wikipedia pages for African American STEM professionals highlighting the impacts on their communities.

When and Where is this?
Date: Sunday, February 21
Time: 12:00 - 3:00 PM EST
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/AfAmWikipedia

The Queer Art of Surviving a Pandemic: An Online Workshop with Popo Fan
In this online event, Berlin-based Chinese queer filmmaker Popo Fan will lead a workshop on queer community building and care work for members of the LGBTQ+ communities. The first half of the event will include a showing of Fan’s movies. After, the audience can share their experiences.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, February 19
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM EST
Location: Register at tinyurl.com/fanpopo
Taylor Martinez, a master’s student in computer science, is studying if technology is serving the LGBTQ+ community needs as it relates to health information seeking and health care services. She is conducting both an online survey and a separate interview to find out LGBTQ+ individuals’ experiences on the topic.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** More info on the study at go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechStudy & the survey can be taken at go.umflint.edu/LGBTQTechSurvey

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Join Riverside Community Care for an inspiring celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month. The program, “The Lived Experience of Dr. King’s Dream,” will feature Reverend Justin Lester, Kimberley Locke of American Idol and Jerome Kyles of Trial By Choir.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Friday, February 5
**Time:** 11:30AM - 1:00 PM EST
**Location:** Register at tinyurl.com/KingFeb5

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Cole DiGrazia for their senior project is researching how colleges and universities can better provide safe and affirming on-campus housing for transgender students with a focus on gender inclusive housing. They are interviewing transgender college students, as well as housing and residential life student affairs professionals.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Email cdigrazi@poets.whittier.edu for more information and sign-up link
Transgender Student Campus Belonging Survey

Daniella Baker at USC’s Rossier School of Education is seeking voluntary participants that identify as transgender college students for an anonymous online study on campus climates, college policies, and belonging. The goal is to help colleges improve policies and climates for trans students.

When and Where is This?
Time: Survey takes about 20 minutes
Location: tinyurl.com/BakerTrans
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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