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///WELCOME

Black History Month

Welcome back MIT students and staff! We hope that your winter break was enjoyable and that you were able to prioritize your own rest and well-being. February is Black History Month -- a month spent recognizing the triumphs and struggles of Black Americans throughout history.

We are excited to share a variety of programs with you over the next few weeks, and we will be dedicating our time to centering the stories and voices of Black folks who have paved the way for a more equitable future for QTPOC.

Rainbow Lounge Hours

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

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///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Lez Talk: A Collection of Black Lesbian Short Fiction

TAGS: Black, Lesbian, Fiction, Romance, Humor, Speculative

*Lez Talk is a collection of short stories that embraces the fullness of Black lesbian experiences. The contributors operate under the assumption that "lesbian" is not a dirty word, and have written stories that amplify the diversity of Black lesbian lives.*

Black Queer Studies: A Critical Anthology

TAGS: Black, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer, History, Political Science, Sociology
Bringing together essays by established and emergent scholars, this collection assesses the strengths and weaknesses of prior work on race and sexuality and highlights the theoretical and political issues at stake in the nascent field of black queer studies.

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

Movie Night ft Saltburn

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Friday, February 9
Time: 4:30 pm

A student at Oxford University finds himself drawn into the world of a charming and aristocratic classmate, who invites him to his eccentric family's sprawling estate for a summer never to be forgotten.

Rated: R

Genre: Thriller

All About TQPOC Activism, Liberation, and Joy

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Monday, February 12
Time: 6:30 - 8 pm

Black Student Union and LBGTQ+ Services will address the whitewashed history of Pride by sharing the stories of Black and brown trans bodies who paved the way for queer rights, joy, and pride.

Affirmation Card Making

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Wednesday, February 14
Time: ALL DAY (drop in)

Create your own unique affirmation card(s) to carry with you wherever you go, or make one (or a few) for someone you care about. Come alone or bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

Aromantic + Asexual Community Building Event

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Monday, February 19
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

A casual setting where folks who are aro/ace can foster positive relationships with others in the community. With this community building program, we hope students will gain a better understanding of what the identities mean, and also bring awareness to their erasure.
Queer Talk: Impacts of Queerbaiting with Jeremy Torres

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Tuesday, February 27
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Embark on a transformative journey with our program, tackling queerbaiting head-on. Break free from the shadows of ambiguity and dive into vibrant discussions that empower and enlighten. Uncover the real stories, challenge preconceptions, and celebrate the rich tapestry of LGBTQ+ experiences.

LBGTQ+ Advisory Board Meeting

Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Date: Thursday, February 29
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

What programs do you want to see from us? Bring your ideas to our February LBGTQ+ Advisory Board meeting. We encourage all MIT undergrads, graduates, and postdocs to engage in thoughtful discussion and expand their communities.
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Moving Into the Being Mind: Finding the Grip

Visitors of this captivating collection of charcoal watercolor drawings are not merely spectators, but participants, encouraged to engage with drawing materials available in the gallery. This interactive element of the exhibit extends to drawing sessions led by artist, Zeng. Open to all skill levels; no prior experience needed.

Date: a) Feb. 1, 8, 15; b) Feb. 7, 14
Time: a) 5:30-6:30; b) 4:30-5:30
Location: Weisner Student Art Gallery

Speaker Series: Boston’s Black Business

As a part of MIT's 50th Annual Celebration of the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., please join us in a series of events highlighting this year’s theme: "We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King, Jr. from "The Purpose of Education"

Date: Monday, February 5
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Location: The Foundry, Cambridge

Fulbright Virtual Information Session

Learn how to apply for a Fulbright fellowship! The program offers grants to over 140 countries for an academic year of research, graduate study, or English teaching assistantship.

For more info: Julia Mongo, Fulbright Program Advisor, jmongo@mit.edu.
BSU x Professor Degraff: Haitian History

Join the BSU and Dr. DeGraff Director of MIT-Haiti Initiative for an overview and conversation around Haitian History.

MLK Celebration Gala

The MIT community gathers every February to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We keep in mind this quote from MLK from *The Purpose of Education* as we gather this evening...

"We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education”
BSU Film Screening: Judas and the Black Messiah

The film is about the betrayal of Fred Hampton (played by Daniel Kaluuya), chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party in the late-1960s Chicago, by William O'Neal (played by LaKeith Stanfield), an FBI informant

Date: Wednesday, February 7
Time: 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Location: McCormick Game Room

Chinese New Year in Chinatown

Hosted by AAPI graduate assistant, Emma Martin, celebrate the year of the dragon in Boston's beautiful Chinatown. Walk around the area with some cool people and grab some yummy pastries from a local baker! First 15 students to RSVP will be given a $7 allowance to purchase a pastry!

Date: Monday, February 11
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Meet at Chinatown gates
Artist Lecture: Jackson 2bears

Jackson 2bears, a Kanien'kehaka artist and scholar, presents a lecture about *Ne:Kahwistará:ken Kanónhsa’kówa i:se Onkwehonwe*: a groundbreaking communal VR installation produced at Thru The Red Door in Six Nations. This panoramic experience offers a vibrant reimagining of the Haudenosaunee Creation Story, immersing the audience in an audio-visual narrative.

**Date:** Monday, February 12

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Bartos Theater

Valentine’s Day Mug Decorating

Decorate ceramic mugs for Valentine’s Day with WXGS! These make excellent gifts for friends, family, and other loved ones. Supplies will be provided, and anyone who uses the Cheney Room is welcome to join!

**Date:** Wednesday, February 14

**Time:** 12:15 - 3:15 pm

**Location:** Cheney Room, 3-308
Screening of *Yuli*

Join WXGS and the Global Language Department in celebrating Black History Month with a screening of *Yuli*. Screening will start at 5:30 and have a talk back session after. Dinner will be provided. Open to all at MIT.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 20

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Cheney Room, 3-308

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**Women Take the Reel Film Festival Opening Feature**

Join us for a screening of the groundbreaking documentary *At Your Cervix*, followed by a panel discussion with the director A'magine, and a light reception afterwards! *At Your Cervix* breaks the silence about how medical students learn to perform pelvic exams.

Registration required: http://tinyurl.com/2xbhhy2p

**Date:** Friday, February 23

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Bartos Theater
Move Your Body!

Join WXGS for a free women and nonbinary only workout. Hosted by personal trainer, Nichell Latimore (she/her).

Register here: http://tinyurl.com/Move-Your-Body

Date: Wednesday, February 28

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Dupont Varsity Weight Room

///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

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