

# September LBGQTQ+ NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

### Come Along with Me

On an adventure through this totally rad newsletter. Hello to another year at MIT and a special welcome to the new people joining our community!

We have some great events coming up that starts in August and into September. We've updated our newsletter with two new sections: **Just for Grads** and **LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates**. And be on the lookout for an **Alumnx Spotlight** section in the future.

Additionally, September 15th - October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. Be on the lookout for LBGQTQ+ programs to celebrate the month and the queer people who have made an impact.

### Provincetown Retreat

*Location - Provincetown, MA*

*Date(s) - September 20 - September 22*

The Provincetown retreat is right around the corner. There have been **98 people** who have RSVP'd for the retreat which is AMAZING! LBGTQ+ Services would love to take everyone, but we can't. However, it's great to see so many people interested and engaged with the LBGTQ+ community. Make sure to read through the newsletter and see all the other ways you can get involved and what there is to do both on and off campus!

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours: Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00 pm

### ///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

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

***W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center***

***Wednesday, September 18***

***17:45-18:45/5:45-6:45 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!*

**First Year Dinners**

***50-250, Rainbow Lounge***

***Thursdays, September 12, 19, and 26***

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

Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ and allying people on campus? This is for you! We’re now hosting ongoing Family Dinners for our LBGTQ and allying

communities to join our first year students, reclaiming a sense of family, support, and solidarity. Come check out The SPXCE (Social Justice Programming and Cross Cultural Engagement) Intercultural Center in W31-110 and join in a relaxed discussion about how to thrive at MIT over a variety of delicious dinners. Open to all visiting, transfer, exchange, graduate, and undergraduate students, and faculty and staff! East campus, West campus, Off campus — we look forward to seeing you!

## QLAB: Queer & LBGT Advisory Board

**50-250, Rainbow Lounge**

**Tuesday, September 24 (Every 2nd Tues. of the Month)**

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

QLAB is an open meeting seeking to enhance the experiences of LBGTQ people at MIT and to ensure that its educational mission is upheld for all students of diverse gender, romantic, and sexual identities. Meetings are once a month and address specific LBGTQ community projects. Anyone affiliated with MIT and LBGTQ-affirming is welcome to join and participate!

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Twitter: @lbgmtit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

## ///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Spotlight

MIT Alumni Association introduces BGLATA (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Alumni/ Alumnae)'s two new co-presidents, Guadalupe Hayes-Mota '08, MBA '16, SM '16; and Bradley Nieser SM '09, PhD '13. Guadalupe Hayes-Mota is a healthcare leader and prior president of GaMIT. Bradley Nieser is currently Principal Scientist at Sanofi in Cambridge, MA, and was an active member of the LBGTQ+ community while studying at MIT. LBGTQ+ Services looks forward to partnering with BGLATA on MIT LBGTQ+ Community events.

## We're Hiring!

LBGTQ+ Services is looking for new LBGTQ+ Rainbow Lounge student workers for the fall semester. You can start possibly as early as the last week of August. If you have any of the following then email [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu) and tell me what your skills are.

- Computer Programming/Design Skills
- Excellent Social Media Skills
- Creative Design and Marketing Skills

## New Graduate Assistant

Meet our new Graduate Assistant Nikki (She/They)! Nikki is a Graduate Student at Boston College School of Social Work with a clinical and mental health concentration. She is excited to be at MIT and looks forward to uplift the LGBTQIA community, especially Queer and Transgender Black and Indigenous communities and People of Color.

## ///**@MIT FOR ALL**

### LBGTQ+ Social

***New House MP Room***

***Thursday, September 12***

***19:00-21:00 / 7:00 - 9:00 PM***

*You're invited to an LBGTQ+ social in New House. This event will provide Queer New House residents with an opportunity to get to know each other as well as members of the LBGTQ+ community from around campus. Snacks will be served. All are welcome, including those who don't live in New House.*

### MIT Undergraduate mentoring

*The Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab invites undergraduates to apply for the MIT Undergraduate Mentoring Program, aimed at increasing participation of women and underrepresented minorities in artificial intelligence research.*

Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/mitmentoring-f19>

## **LBGTQ+ Movie Night**

**50-250, Rainbow Lounge**

**Friday, September 27**

**18:00-19:45 / 6:00 - 7:45 PM**

*Starting our monthly movie nights with a Hispanic Heritage Month movie!*

*Movie nights will take place on the last Monday of the month.*

*Popcorn and lemonade provided.*

## **Women's & gender studies LECTURE**

**Room 3-133**

**Thursday, September 12**

**17:00-18:30 / 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

*The WGS is hosting a Fall 2019 Biannual McMillan-Stewart Lecture on Women in the Developing World: "Modernizing Saudi Arabia: The politics of gender."*

*Dr. Hala Aldosari is a scholar-activist from Saudi Arabia, now based in the United States.*

## **Margaret Cheney Room Mixer**

**Margaret Cheney Room (3-310)**

**Friday, September 13**

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

*Enjoy lunch while you get to know some of the groups and services that support woman identified and non-binary students at MIT! Join Graduate Women at MIT, LBGTQ+ Services, MIT Women's Rugby, Mujeres Latinas, and Violence Prevention & Response.*

## Black Mobility and Safety in the U.S

**E15-341**

**Every Thursday**

**13:00-16:00 / 1:00-4:00 PM**

*This Fall semester the Poetic Justice group at MIT Media Lab will be offering a special topics course on Black Mobility and Safety in the U.S.*

*This workshop will explore the various modes of being Black, doing anything while Black , and racism.*

## Bi-Pan Visibility Day

**Rainbow Lounge (50-250)**

**Monday, September 23**

**13:00-18:00 / 1:00-6:00 PM**

*Let's celebrate Bisexual and Pansexual identities! There will be custom pin making and information on local resources for the Bisexual Pansexual Community in the Boston area!*

## Ask Jane Film Screening

**Room 3-133**

**Friday, September 27**

**18:00-20:30 / 6:00-8:30 PM**

*Based on the true story, Ask for Jane is the story of two students who start a secret organization to help women obtain safe and illegal abortions in 1969 - a time when abortion was punishable by prison and getting birth control was nearly impossible.*

*At 5:30 PM - Otto's Pizza will be served and movie will start at 6:00 PM.*

## LGBTQ Religion & Spirituality Drop-In Space

*LGBTQ@MIT and the Office of Religious, Spiritual, & Ethical Life are collaborating to cultivate a drop-in space for students wishing to discuss the intersection of LGBTQ+ identities and religious/ spiritual identities and practices. We are looking for student leaders to help cultivate this space for discussion and peer-support. If you are interested in helping imagine and design this drop-in programming, contact Cody Sanders (revcody@mit.edu) or Lauryn McNair (lmcnair@mit.edu).*

## **///@MIT FOR GRADS**

### 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://lgbtq.mit.edu/stay-connected/graduate-student-resources>

LGBTQ+ 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.

### Graduate Student Open House

***Rainbow Lounge (50-250)***

***Tuesday, September 17***

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

*Please join MIT Graduate and Post-Doc LBGTQ+ community members in an evening good food and fun games!*

*Meet new friends and colleagues, while checking out the Rainbow Lounge!*

## **GSC Culture and Community Mixer**

***Lobdell (W20)***

***Friday, September 13***

***19:00 - 21:00 / 7:00-9:00 PM***

*Meet the many cultural and cultural groups on campus and hear about the activities and events they are organizing throughout the year.*

## **LGBT Grad Social Hour**

***Rainbow Lounge, (20-250)***

***Monday, October 7***

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

*There will be a social hour on the first Monday of every month at the Rainbow Lounge where you can drop by, chat and just hang out with other LGBT Grad students from MIT. Snacks will be provided.*

## **LGBT Grad Recruitment Drinks**

***The Muddy Charles Pub, MIT***

***Thursday, September 12th***

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

*Drop by the Muddy Charles to learn about some of the plans for the coming year and how you can get involved. They are a very low time commitment group, but could always do with a few more hands to help with organizing and facilitating events!*



## Graduate Student Groups

### Bio-LBGTQ

BioLBGTQ+ 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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:grad-qpoc-admin@mit.edu)

### Sloan LBGT

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/](http://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.

## **///**LGBTQ+ Services Programs and Updates****

### Rainbow Compass Mentorship Program

The LGBTQ+ Mentorship program aims to create a structured and trusting relationship between pairs of students (mentees) together with caring faculty/staff/alumni (mentors) to create a professional relationship of guidance and encouragement. We are looking for participants, so stay tuned for more information!

### Display Your Art in the Rainbow Lounge

Help us decorate our walls! if you have any art you would like to display, painting, drawing, photography, embroidery, poetry, a beautiful piece of code that people should appreciate, please email [lbgt@mit.edu](mailto:lbgt@mit.edu)! Art can be displayed for a while semester

### Save the Date: Trans Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance - Wed, Nov 20th - A vigil will be held in the MIT Chapel from Noon-1 in collaboration with the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life

## **///**BEYOND MIT****

### “King for a Day” Drag Show

*Club Cafe, Boston, MA*

***Saturday, October 5th***

***18:00 - 21:30 PM/ 6-9:30 PM***

Drag Boston brings you the King for a Day Drag Show celebrating the transformation of our King for a Day Workshop graduates and special guests. Advanced tickets highly recommended as all of our Drag King shows have sold out early.

Event is 21+, wheelchair accessible, all-gender restrooms

## **Summer Internship Diversity Insight Days**

***Related Real Office, more details will be provided***

***Monday, September 16th***

***17:00 - 18:30 PM/ 5-6:30 PM***

Related Companies invites you to apply to attend Diversity Insights Day in Boston designed to attract and educate undergraduate and graduate students on careers in real estate.

To Apply:

<https://www.related.jobs/Jobs/Details?jobId=6266>

## **Gay For Good Chapter Leaders**

G4G is a nationwide 501c3 non-profit organization. They support goodwill and understanding between the LGBTQIA+ and greater city communities through regular collaborative volunteer service projects.

G4G Boston Chapter would like to invite MIT students to join as a chapter leader!

More info email -

Glenn Rizzo

boston@gayforgood.org

## A Cup of Water Under My Bed

*More details will be provided*

*November 2019*

*TBA*

A coming-of-age story about immigration, class, queer sexuality, and creating a new kind life for yourself.

Join MIT Reads and Hermanas Unidas to read this memoir by Daisy Hernandez this fall!

## LGBTQ+ Research

You're invited to participate in a research study about LGBTQ+ Student Motivations to Disclose or Not Disclose Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity on a College Campus.

No compensation will be offered for participation.

For more information and to participate contact - Rachel Zerillo (Northeastern University Doctoral Candidate) at:

zerillo.b@husky.neu.edu

## The Network LA-Red is Hiring

TNLR is hiring and looking for volunteers! This organization serves the LBGTQ, SM and Polyamorous communities.

Rooted in anti-oppression principles, their work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. They strengthen their communities through organizing, education, and the provision of support services.

For more information and to apply: [tnlr.org](http://tnlr.org)

## Massachusetts General Hospital is Hiring

The Transgender Health Program of MGH is hiring for a Community Health Resource Specialist. This position is part-time position (24 to 32 hours per week).

Please note that this position is temporary and not eligible for benefits.

To apply: <https://partners.taleo.net>

Job ID #: 3105451

## Audre Lorde Cancer Awareness Brunch

*Fenway Health, 1340 Boylston St, Boston, MA*

*Saturday, October 19*

*10:00 AM - 13:00 PM / 10-1 PM*

Enjoy a delicious brunch provided by a minority-owned business in the Boston area while gathering within a healing space for all women, including queer and trans women. The day will include music, dancing, and storytelling moments that soothe the body, soul, and mind - ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

## Boston Latino International Film Festival

*Boston, MA*

*Wednesday, September 25-Sunday, September 29*

*17:00 - 21:00 PM / 5-9 PM*

This year's festival theme, "A Call to Action," is inspired by current events and films that illustrate the call to action through protests, art, and even by aspiring and running for political office.

For more information: <http://www.bliff.org/>

## **D.E. Shaw & CO Internship**

D. E. Shaw group is a global investment and technology development firm with a culture that combines some of the best aspects of finance, technology, and academia.

D. E. Shaw group's recruiting team is now accepting applications for internship and full-time roles.

To apply & more information: <https://www.deshaw.com/careers>

## **If You Can Feel It, Speak It Open Mic**

***Bella Luna Rest & Milky Way Lounge, 284 Amory St***

***Thursday, September 12***

***21:30 PM/ 9:30 PM***

The 'Feel it, Speak it' (FiSi) Open Mic prides itself on being the ONLY monthly open mic DEDICATED to the LGBTQI community of Color and its Allies. A non-discriminating, non-pretentious, & non-elitist platform is offered for one and all to express themselves!

## **GLAD Volunteer Opportunity**

***Boston Marriott Copley Place***

***110 Huntington Ave Boston, MA***

***Friday, October 25***

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders are looking for Volunteers for the Spirit of Justice Award Dinner which is GLAD's biggest event of the year!

For more details - <https://www.glad.org/2019sojvolunteers/>

## Big Butchie's Big Hello

***SpaceUs - Downtown Crossing***

***467 Washington St, 2nd Floor***

***Friday, September 20***

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

*A POP-UP Queer Celebration @SpaceUS in Downtown Crossing!*

*For more information & to see how you can get involved:*

[www.littlebutchies.com/events](http://www.littlebutchies.com/events)

## Unbound Bodies: An Activation

***Downtown Crossing Stairs,***

***Franklin St + Washington St***

***Friday, September 13***

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

*For our offering we're activating the "stairs to nowhere" in Downtown Crossing as a giant stoop complete with altar making, jumprope, hair care, music and more.*

*Through this work, we are reclaiming our right to be black, be tender, and experience collective joy #inPUBLIC.*

**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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