

May LBGTQIA+ NEWSLETTER

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///**WELCOME**

♪ It's Gonna Be May...

...Guess what (guess what)? It's almost the end of the semester! Which means a break for some and graduation for others. Don't forget to RSVP so we can announce you (if you would like) at Lavender Graduation.

Additionally, May is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. There are a lot of great programs going on that celebrate this month, and please stop by the Rainbow Lounge or walk by our board in the Infinite to see queer AAPI contributions and celebrations in our poster series.

PS: This is the last month for family dinners.

Lavender Graduation

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Friday, May 10th

17:30-19:00/5:30-7:00 PM

Lavender Graduation is a celebration of the end of the year and a recognition of our distinguished graduates from the LBGTQ and ally community. This event is open to everyone (MIT staff, students, faculty, alumni), whether you've been involved with LBGTQ@MIT or not!

All are welcome during this community wide celebration on Friday, May 10th 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Rainbow Lounge (50-250).

Interested in volunteering/helping?

Email afra@mit.edu or lmcnair@mit.edu.

Are you graduating? Will you be attending Lavender Graduation? If the answer is yes to both, then please fill out this RSVP link so we can have the name you want read, pronunciation, degree information, and pronouns (optional).

Link here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LavGradMIT>

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

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

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, May 15

17:00-19:00/5:00-7:00 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!

Family Dinners

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

Thursdays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th

18:00-19:00/6:00-7:00 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, May 14th (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!

///Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgtmit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LBGTQ+ 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.

LBGTQ+ WEBSITE

In addition to the grad resources page there are some new pages in progress:

- Trans Resources
- Understanding Pronouns and Using Pronoun Stickers
- Trans Best Practices

You can find these webpages here: <https://lgbtq.mit.edu/resources>

Interested in being part of a team to help update the trans.mit.edu website on gender inclusive bathroom locations and other supportive tips? Email **lbgt@mit.edu** for further details.

QUEER ALUMNX WRITERS

LBGTQ+ Services is working on updating and cataloging out library. In addition to buying books for display in relation to heritage months (check out our Asian America and Pacific Islander section in our new books display), we are buying books by queer MIT alumnx writers to add to our collection.

If you know of anyone who fits that criteria then email **lbgt@mit.edu** so we can add their work to our collection for people to enjoy!

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Asian American and Pacific Islander Month Celebration!

W31-110, SPXCE

Wednesday, May 1

12:00-01:30/12:00 - 1:30 PM

Join the SPXCE in celebrating AAPI month! There'll be food, decorations, and fun!

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Multicultural Awards Banquet: Save the Date!

50-140, Morss Hall

Wednesday, May 8th

12:00-1:30/12:00 - 1:30 PM

Join us for the 7th Annual Multicultural Awards Banquet. Come celebrate students, student organizations, faculty and staff outstanding work and their impact on the community. Lunch will be provided.

Stand Up with Queer Comedian De anne Smith

Wong Auditorium (E51-115)

Friday, May 10th

Pizza at 18:00/6 PM, Show at 19:00/7 PM

Join Queer West in welcoming and hearing stand-up comedy by queer comedian DeAnne Smith! The event is free and no RSVP is needed!

Queer Movie Night!

Sidney-Pacific MPR

Friday, May 10th

20:00/8:00 PM

Join us for a night of positive queer movies! We're watching Hearts Beat Loud and Just Friends (Gewoon Vrienden). Come for as much or as little as you like. There will be food and cake!

MIT Tour Guide

Part-Time (\$13 an hour) and Full-Time (\$16 an hour) Available

Admissions is hiring summer tour guide for folks who will be in Boston this summer. We offer both full-time and part-time employment (perfect for students working UROPS on-campus over the summer, as our office will pay them over-time if they're eligible).

The Basics:

- The **Full-Time Tour Guide** commitment is Monday through Friday, 8:30AM – 5PM from Monday, June 10th until Friday, August 30th.
- The **Part-Time Tour Guide** commitment is whatever you'd like it to be! Similar to how we schedule busy days now, we will be relying on part-time guides every day to supplement our full-time staff.
- **Full-Time Tour Guides** will be compensated **\$16/hour** and will be provided 6 unpaid vacation days
- **Part-Time Tour Guides** will be compensated at **\$13/hour**. (Overtime pay is available for MIT-employed students)

How To Apply:

For both Part-Time and Full-Time Employment:

The full job description can be found [here](#).

Please fill out this application: <http://tiny.cc/summertour2019>.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling bases and interviews will be conducted as early as next week!

Big Gay Event

Morss Hall, Walker Memorial (Building 50)

Sunday, May 12th

17:00-20:00/5:00-8:00 PM

Attend this year's "Big Gay Event"—there will be raffle prizes and performances from on and off-campus singing groups, dance groups, drag performers, poetry writers, and more. There will be food and lots of fun!

///@MIT FOR GRADS

MIT LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group | 2nd Annual LGBTQ+ Professional Networking Night!

Media Lab (E14-6th Floor)

Tuesday, June 25th

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

MIT is partnering with Cambridge Savings Bank and area LGBTQ Employee Resource Groups as well as the local graduate student communities to host an LGBTQ+ Professionals Networking event. Join us for refreshments, a little networking, and enjoy the beautiful view of the Charles and Boston Sky line. RSVP here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQERG>

GWAMIT/LGBT Grad - Ice cream & coffee social

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Friday, May 17th

15:00 - 17:00/3:00 - 5:00 PM

GWAMIT and LGBT Grad will be co hosting an ice cream social on May 17 to coincide with the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia 2019. All grad students and their friends are welcome! There will be copious amounts of ice cream from J.P. Licks, as well as coffee and pastries, to make the final Friday of the semester just a little bit sweeter.

///BEYOND MIT

34th Annual AIDS Walk & Run Boston (Volunteer, Walk, or Run)

The DCR Hatch Memorial Shell

Sunday, June 2nd

On Sunday, June 2, 2019, community members and teams will come together in support of AIDS Walk & Run Boston and Wellness Festival, New England's largest HIV/AIDS community fundraising and public awareness event. Each year, people across Massachusetts and beyond sign up to raise money for the programs and services of AIDS Action Committee, as well as start conversations with friends and family about HIV prevention, care, and advocacy. MIT community members are invited to be volunteers, walkers, or runners!

Register online at www.aidswalkboston.org or reach out to me directly at 857-313-6737 or sglasser@fenwayhealth.org.

Remote Communications Intern (2019)

San Francisco, California

Monday, June 3rd (for 10 weeks)

Horizons Foundation fuels the LGBTQ movement by increasing philanthropic support for diverse San Francisco Bay Area nonprofits.

The Communications Intern plays a critical role in advancing key communications projects for the foundation. With guidance from the Senior Manager of Communications, the intern will spearhead various writing and web projects with the goal of growing awareness among and building our network of donors and partners – and ultimately building a future where LGBTQ people thrive.

The intern will be paid at \$15.00/hour, limited to 40 hours/week.

49th Annual Boston Pride Concert

City Hall Plaza, Boston

Saturday June 8, 2019

00:00 - 06:00/12:00 - 6:00 PM

Entertainment Line-up for 49th Annual Pride Festival Featuring Todrick Hall and More! Robin S., Beth Sacks, The Spots, All Eyes On Me, Taija New, Kat Kennedy, First Lady Sarita and QWAM will also perform. For more information about the performers and to purchase Meet and Greet tickets visit the Boston Pride Concert webpage at <http://www.bostonpride.org/concert/>.

Campus Pride Presents: Camp Pride

Charlotte, NC

July 10-14, 2019

Since 2007, Campus Pride has offered Camp Pride, the leading national summer institute for LGBTQ and ally college students, to build social justice and leadership skills - and friendships among queer and ally youth that will last a lifetime. In addition, the summer institute offers the Advisor Academy, a separate track for graduate students and staff professionals during Camp Pride.

[Learn more online about both programs.](#)

Parent-Child Attachment Study

Brooks Young, an undergraduate junior at George Washington University majoring in psychology, is conducting a developmental study aimed to better the lives of LGBTQ people and their families.

Participation involves responding to a 25 to 30-minute online survey about your experiences as the parent of a lesbian, gay, or bisexual child.

You are eligible to for participation in this study if,

1. You are the parent of a child who identifies as either lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or queer.
2. Your child has previously disclosed their sexual orientation to you or you have previously otherwise become aware of their sexual orientation and discussed the matter with them.

We are looking to have as many respondents as possible, so please forward this email or the link to the survey to spouses, family, and friends who are also parents of LGB individuals. As a participant, you will have the option to enter your name into a lottery for one of four \$25 Amazon gift cards!

Your participation is completely voluntary, and all responses will be anonymous. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

Please consider participating in this study by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSBQNBR>

For questions regarding the study or sharing this email with others, please do not hesitate to contact me at brooksyoun@gwu.edu or Dr. Stephen Forssell, Faculty Advisor, at forssell@gwu.edu. We appreciate your participation!

B*SHARP Survey

The Body Image, Sexual Health, and Relationships Project (B*SHARP) needs your input! We are looking for transgender and non-binary people to participate in a new online survey. Your input will help to guide future interventions to improve health and wellbeing! Participating in this study involves a one-time, online survey.

Eligible participants will choose between receiving a \$10 Amazon gift card or donating their gift to a transgender rights and social justice organization

Survey link:

<https://is.gd/bsharpsurvey>

Contact information:

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