

# LBGTQ+ Services

## March LBGTQ+

### NEWSLETTER

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## ///WELCOME

It's March! And very New England-y weather is happening right now. Today as I write this it's warm, a season of no coats and then this upcoming weekend it's supposed to be winter snow storm warnings. Wonderful.

However! The weather doesn't impact all the great programs, events, and drop-ins happening inside.

Please read through our newsletter for women's events, trans events, and more. Plus we're watching DUNE (2021) for our first Friday. Popcorn provided.

## LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

Office Hours for LBGT+ Services Assistant Director, Lauryn McNair (she/they) by email: [lmcnair@mit.edu](mailto:lmcnair@mit.edu)

## Rainbow Lounge Hours

Virtual Hangouts

Zoom Link: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)

Mondays: 3 - 5 pm EST

Tuesdays: 12-2 pm EST

# **///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming**

## QTPoC

**Date:** *Tues, March 15th, 2022*

**Time:** *Time: 6:00 - 7:00 EST*

**Zoom Link:** [mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310](https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310)

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! This month's theme is QUEER WOMEN!!!

## Queer Student Leaders Chat

**Date:** *Friday March 18th*

**Time:** *5:00 - 6:00 PM EST*

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

Queer Student Leader Chats are a time for the leaders of our multiple queer student groups to gather, mingle and brainstorm.

## Queer Q&A (Queer Answers)

**Date:** *Monday, March 7th*

**Time:** *12:00 - 1:00 pm*

**Location:** [mit.zoom.us/j/96596020131](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96596020131)

Join us (LBGTQ+ Services & PLEASURE) for a Queer Q&A surrounding queer dating (joys & challenges)! This opportunity will be Virtual and attendees will receive a \$20 Grub Hub Voucher, compliments of PLEASURE but submit questions, email [vupton@mit.edu](mailto:vupton@mit.edu).

## Trans Day of Visibility: MIT Alum Panel

***Date: Thursday, March 31st***

***Time: 5:30 - 6:30***

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

Join LBGTQ+ Services, ICEO, and WGS for a panel discussion centering the voices of trans and non-binary MIT alum.

See our website for more information: [lbgtq.mit.edu](http://lbgtq.mit.edu)

All are welcome.

## Trans Day of Visibility: Dinner Conversations

***Date: Thursday, March 31st***

***Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm***

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

Join LBGTQ+ Services, ICEO, and WGS for a panel discussion centering the voices of trans and non-binary MIT community.

Sit with staff/faculty and have dinner provided. All are welcome.

## Movie Viewing: Dune

***Date: Friday, March 4th***

***Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm EST***

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

Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people.

## Spring Community Mixer

***Date: Friday, March 11th***

***Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm EST***

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

We're excited to host our spring community mixer! Join us and get to know our amazing student organizations! This is a great time to make connections and get involved!

Dinner will be provided

## Save the Date: Lavender Graduation

***Date: Thursday, May 5***

***Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm***

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

Save the date for our annual Lavender Graduation! All are welcome to attend. It will be in person but the RSVP will provide a Zoom link for those who would like to view the live film portion in the comfort of their own home

All are welcome.

## Drop-in Craft: Candle Making

***Date: Monday, March 14***

***Time: 12pm - 5pm***

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

Drop by the Rainbow Lounge all day from 12-pm - 5pm to learn how to make candles with the Rainbow Lounge staff. We have colors, scents, and decorations for all.

## **///Follow Us on Social Media**

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Twitter: @lbgtmit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

## **///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Femme in Public by Alok Vaid-Menon

TAGS: Gender Non Conforming, Trans

A collection of poetry by nonbinary artist Alok Vaid-Menon. In the author's words it "is a dream of what it could look like to celebrate transfemininity...).

Lumberjanes To The Max Vol. 2 by Shannon Watters, Noelle Stevenson & Grace Ellis

TAGS: Comic & Women of Color

Together, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley take on everything that goes bump in the night. From scary stories to magical portals that lead to a land untouched by time, it's definitely not your average summer!

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

*Ma Belle, My Beauty* Screening

***Date: Thursday, March 10***

***Time: 6:30 PM EDT***

***Location: E15-070***

Join us for a free showing of *Ma Belle, My Beauty* directed by Vietnamese-British filmmaker Marion Hill. Her feature debut brings the realities of queer polyamory to the big screen. Following present and past lovers reuniting in the idyllic stretches of rural southern France, complex feelings of love and grief transform what once was.

## Women, Womxn, Womyn: What does "More Inclusive" Look Like in Women's Spaces?

***Date: Thursday, March 17th***

***Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM EDT***

***Location: 3-310***

What does it mean to "be more inclusive" when it comes to women's spaces? Many women's groups are asking similar questions. Drop in if you'd like to be part of this conversation and work with one another about concerns and suggestions. Dinner provided.

## Paint Kits and Snacks

***Date: Wednesday, March 23***

***Time: 1-2pm***

***Location: 3-310***

RSVP to the Cheney Room Paint and Snack event. Up to 20 students can RSVP to attend and receive one of two paint kits by @pinklomein\_ and follow along to YouTube tutorials. No painting experience necessary!

See WXGS' website for more RSVP information: [studentlife.mit.edu/womenmit](http://studentlife.mit.edu/womenmit)

## WGS Women's History Month Film Screening Series

***Date: March 10th, 15th & 29th***

***Time: Varies***

***Location: Provided After Signup***

WGS be hosting and co-hosting three films at MIT during the Women Take the Reels Film Festival.

To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/wgswomeninfilm>

## ORSEL'S Queer Bible Study

***Date: Thursday's Weekly***

***Time: Provided after registration***

***Location: Zoom***

We are excited to remind you that ORSEL's Queer Bible Study is happening and they are looking forward to seeing you.

Let them know you are coming!: [tinyurl.com/qbiblestudy](https://tinyurl.com/qbiblestudy)

## WXGS: Women's Wellness (Yoga & Meditation)

***Date: Tuesday, March 29th***

***Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm***

***Location: [mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310](https://mit.zoom.us/j/2258250310)***

Join WXGS & our guest speaker Rashida Walker (MA, LCPC, LPC) as we dive into the science behind yoga, meditation & stress, as well as practicing meditation and yoga poses that can support Women's Wellness.

## Author Event: Clap When You Land

***Date: Tuesday, April 26th***

***Time: TBD***

***Location: TBD***

Join My Sister's Keeper, the co-sponsor for the MIT Reads Book event with Elizabeth Acevedo, the author of Clap When You Land, a New York Times and IndieBound bestseller. Grab a copy of the book in advance, if you'd like!

Check link for updates: [libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/](https://libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/)

## Women of Color & LBGTQ+ Professional Fund

Did you know that undergraduate students who are Women of Color or LBGTQ+ students can apply for funding to help cover expenses associated with school applications, exams, professional attire, legal name changes and more?

Visit [wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds](https://wgs.mit.edu/professionalfunds) for more details!

## Weekends @ MITInitiative

As part of the Weekends@MIT initiative, aimed to increase substance-free social events on campus on Friday and Saturday nights, Alcohol and Other Drugs Services can contribute up to \$500 to your sponsored event in the Coffeehouse Lounge (3rd floor of Student Center) on a Saturday between 9pm – 11pm. This money could go towards food, supplies, etc.

If you're interested reach out to Elsa of AODS at [weekendsmit\\_support@mit.edu](mailto:weekendsmit_support@mit.edu)

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

### Transgender Embodied States of Recognition

A study that explores recognition and experiences using personal identification documentation (IDs). The survey, which may take 10 to 30 minutes to complete, includes questions about your gender identification, IDs and experiences using them, name and pronoun recognition, your transition-related decisions, how you have felt in the past week, and basic demographic information. [tinyurl.com/transrecognition](https://tinyurl.com/transrecognition)



## Black Students Lead Spring 2022 Virtual Conference

The overarching goal of the Black Students Lead Conference (BSL) is to help students become stronger leaders and allies to the Black community by practicing inclusion in their organizations and campuses.

Register: [tinyurl.com/bslconference](https://tinyurl.com/bslconference)

LBGTQ+ Services does provide funding support: [tinyurl.com/lbgtqfunding](https://tinyurl.com/lbgtqfunding)

### **You are welcome here**

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

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

[spxce.mit.edu](https://spxce.mit.edu)

[lbgtq.mit.edu](https://lbgtq.mit.edu)

[trans.mit.edu](https://trans.mit.edu)