**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.

**SPXCE HOURS**

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

**RL HOURS**

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00pm

**LAVENDER GRADUATION**

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 - 7:00pm** in Rainbow Lounge (50-250).

**RSVP HERE:**

https://tinyurl.com/LavGradMIT

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What is Lazos?
“Lazo” is one of several Spanish language terms for “bow”, referencing the rainbow and experiences that tie us together within and across our communities. Come to the table with other trans and queer people of color (TQPOC) and allies of color at MIT.

When and Where is This?
Date: Wednesday, May 15th
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

What are Family Dinners?
Are you looking to connect with other LGBTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly Family Dinners for our LGBTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students, reclaiming a sense of family, support, and solidarity. Open to all - we look forward to seeing you!

When and Where is This?
Date: Thursdays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

What is QLAB?
QLAB is an open meeting seeking to enhance the experiences of LGBTQ 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 LGBTQ community projects.

When and Where is This?
Date: Tuesday, May 14th
Time: 5:00-6:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit
Twitter: @lbgtmit
Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

UPDATES & 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://lbgtq.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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Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month with the SPXCE! There will be food, decorations, and lots of fun!

Date: Wednesday, May 1st  
Time: 12:00-1:30 PM  
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

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

Lunch will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, May 8th  
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 PM  
Location: Morss Hall (50-140)
**When and Where is this?**

Date: Friday, May 10th
Time: Pizza at 6 PM, Show at 7 PM
Location: Wong Auditorium (E51-115)

**Queer Movie Night!**

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!

**Also Happening at MIT: For All**

**Stand Up with Queer Comedian DeAnne Smith**

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

**Mit Tour Guide**

Admissions is hiring summer tour guide for folks who will be in Boston this summer. We offer both full-time ($16/hr) and part-time employment ($13/hr). The Full-Time commitment is Monday through Friday, 8:30AM – 5PM from Monday, June 10th until Friday, August 30th.

*Apply here:*

*Full Job Description:*
BIG GAY EVENT

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!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Sunday, May 12th
Time: 5:00-8:00 PM
Location: Morss Hall, Walker Memorial
MIT LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group | 2nd Annual LGBTQ+ Professional Networking Night!

MIT is partnering with Cambridge Savings Bank and area LBGTQ Employee Resource Groups as well as the local graduate student communities to host an LBGTQ+ 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.

When and Where is this?
Date: Tuesday, June 25th
Time: 6:00-9:00 PM
Location: Media Lab (E14-6th Floor)

GWAMIT/LGBT Grad - Ice Cream & Coffee Social

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.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, May 17th
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
Camp Pride is the nation’s premiere LGBTQ Leadership Academy for undergraduate LGBTQ and ally students. Join us to develop your social justice and leadership skills. Advisor Academy is for professionals working with LGBTQ college students on campuses. Expand your knowledge, enhance your skills as well as collaborate with others who share your passion for advising and creating safer, more welcoming communities.

Apply at: https://www.campuspride.org/CampPride/

When and Where Is This?
Date: July 10-14
Location: Charlotte, NC

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.
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 brooksyoung@gwu.edu or Dr. Stephen Forssell, Faculty Advisor, at forssell@gwu.edu.

34th Annual AIDS Walk & Run Boston (Volunteering)
On Sunday, June 2, 2019, community members and teams and 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.

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

When and Where Is This?
Dates: Sunday, June 2, 2019
Location: The DCR Hatch Memorial Shell
49TH ANNUAL PRIDE FESTIVAL

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/

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: bsharp@childrens.harvard.edu
Call or text Rosie at (857) 770-1244

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Dates: Saturday, June 8
Time: 12:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: City Hall Plaza, Boston

REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS INTERN (SUMMER 2019)

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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Dates: June 3rd (for 10 weeks)
Location: 550 Montgomery Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94111

BEYOND MIT
you are welcome here

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

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