

# LBGTQ+ Services

## May LBGTQ+

### Newsletter

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## ///WELCOME

### Here Comes the Sun

It's May and hopefully it means sunshine, summer, and soon to be relaxation. With the end of the semester don't forget it's Lavender Graduation. Make sure to RSVP.

Additionally, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Please check out our Instagram for programs, re-sharing of educational materials, and promoting our sibling office, Office of Multicultural Programs, for additional AAPI and LBGTQ+ AAPI events.

### Lavender Graduation

Lavender Graduation is a time to celebrate our LBGTQ+ MIT graduates - undergraduate, graduate, and post-doc students who have graduated or will graduate in 2021 - and the wonderful things they've accomplished. The entire MIT community is invited to enjoy and be with us on this date to recognize our grads. Thank you to Alumni Association and BGLATA for being a partner in putting on Lavender Graduation. Please RSVP in order to get the link.

RSVP: [bglata.alumgroup.mit.edu/lave2021](http://bglata.alumgroup.mit.edu/lave2021)

### 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, May 3, 10, 17

1:00 - 3:00 PM EST

## ///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

### QTPoC

***Check LBGTQ+ Service Updates for more details and times at [lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc](https://lbgtq.mit.edu/qtpoc)***

*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!*

### Web Fam Fridays

***URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)***

***Fridays, May 14 & 28***

***6:00 - 8:00 PM EST***

*Web Fam Fridays (WFF) are LBGTQ+ social events that happen on biweekly Fridays. It might be a movie, a game, a chat space, and more!*

*Check our social media pages or our website for more information:*

*[lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-o)*

### Rainbow Lounge Hangout

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*Rainbow Lounge Hangouts are hangouts run by one of the Rainbow Lounge student workers. Come drop by to play games, chat, watch TV, and more.*

*There's always something going on so stay for all or part of the time to hang out with other students.*

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

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit

Instagram: @rainbow\_lounge\_mit

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

May LGBTQ+ Book Recs.

The Collected Schizophrenias by Esmé Weijun Wang

TAGS: Taiwanese-American, Mental Illness, Queer, Memoir

Starting with her diagnosis of schizoaffective disorder, Wang details what it's like to have mental and chronic illness. The book examines everything, from institutionalization to the medical community, and comes back to the self.

The Devourers by Indra Das

TAGS: Indian, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Fantasy

On an evening in Kolkata, Alok encounters a mysterious stranger with a bizarre confession of a race of people at once more than human yet kin to beasts, ruled by instincts and desires blood-deep and ages-old.

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

Lavender Graduation

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MITLavender21](https://tinyurl.com/MITLavender21)**

**Tuesday, May 11**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM EST**

*Lavender Graduation is a time to celebrate our LBGTQ+ MIT graduates and the wonderful things they've accomplished. The entire MIT community is invited to enjoy and be with us on this date to recognize our grads. There will be music, speeches, a mini-dance party, and more. This event will not be recorded.*

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**Fridays, May 14 & 28**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Join us to hang out on two Fridays this May. We'll be playing a game on May 14 and watching a movie together on May 28. Both of these games and movies will be chosen by you through an Instagram Story poll, so keep an eye on LBGTQ+ Services' Instagram!*

## Crip Camp Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, May 3**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout to watch Crip Camp. Crip Camp starts in 1971 at Camp Jened, a summer camp for "loose, free-spirited camp designed for teens with disabilities". The film follows campers who become activists and fight for accessibility legislation.*

## Monsoon Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, May 10**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Watch Party where we watch Monsoon. Kit returns to Ho Chi Minh City for the first time since he was six-years-old when his family fled the country in the aftermath of the Vietnam-American war. Along the way he reconnects with a childhood friend and new boyfriend.*

## Concrete Cowboy Watch Party

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800](https://mit.zoom.us/j/96166084800)**

**Monday, May 17**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM EST**

*For the last Rainbow Lounge Hangout of the semester we'll be watching Concrete Cowboys. In the film, a boy is sent to live with his estranged father for the summer, a rebellious teen finds kinship in a tight-knit Philadelphia community of Black cowboys.*

## QTPOC End of the Year Celebration

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/99971935991](https://mit.zoom.us/j/99971935991)**

**Thursday, May 6**

**4:00 - 5:30 PM EST**

*This wild spring semester is wrapping up and we're having an end of the year celebration. Come enjoy games, discussions, raffles, and more with the MIT QTPOC community.*

## Summer Programming Announcement

**June-August**

**URL: [lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-o](https://lbgtq.mit.edu/programs-o)**

*While our newsletters are wrapping up for the semester, our programming is not over for the year. Make sure to check our website and social media for information on upcoming summer hangouts, movie screenings, and conversations.*

## AA/PI LBGTQ+ Short Film Showing + Discussion

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/91481764880](https://mit.zoom.us/j/91481764880)**

**Friday, May 14**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM EST**

*LBGTQ+ Services and Office of Multicultural Programming are collaborating to show Asian American Pacific Islander LBGTQ+ short films for AA/PI heritage month in May. Following the films, there will be a discussion for participants.*

## QTPoC and WoC Professional Development Funds for Undergraduate Students

**URL: More info and application at [tinyurl.com/WGSFunds](https://tinyurl.com/WGSFunds)  
Rolling Applications**

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## **///[@MIT FOR ALL](#)**

### Misogynoir Transformed: A conversation with Demita Frazier and Moya Bailey

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/MoyaDemita](https://tinyurl.com/MoyaDemita) & request a book at [tinyurl.com/BaileyBookWGS](https://tinyurl.com/BaileyBookWGS)**

**Thursday, May 6**

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

*Join WGS for a book talk between Demita Frazier and Moya Bailey about her new book. Bailey's book explores how Black women have bravely used social-media platforms to confront misogynoir in a number of courageous-and, most importantly, effective ways.*

### Academic Afterthoughts: Black Girls, Misogynoir, and Schooling

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/ShamekaMIT](https://tinyurl.com/ShamekaMIT)**

**Thursday, May 20**

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

*Join WGS for talk by Shameka N. Powell is an assistant professor of Educational Studies at Tufts University. Dr. Powell's research focuses on equality of educational opportunity and the intersections of race, class, gender in school spaces.*

## RISE Award Ceremony

**URL: More info is at [tinyurl.com/RiseCeremony21](https://tinyurl.com/RiseCeremony21)**

**Tuesday, May 4**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

*Join the OMP, OGE, OME, and ICEO to celebrate MIT community members, nominated by their peers and colleagues, that are true champions of diversity, inclusion, and social justice in their communities, across the Institute, and off campus. During the ceremony, the 2021 awards will be announced.*

## Support the Survivors in Your Life

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/95647837882](https://mit.zoom.us/j/95647837882)**

**Tuesday, May 4**

**6:00 - 7:00 PM EST**

*Join Violence Prevention & Response for a discussion on ways to support friends who have experienced harm, including tips for responding to disclosures, addressing your own needs, and more. As always, if you'd like to speak with someone, VPR is available M-F from 9am-5pm ET at (617) 253-2300.*

## AAI Mental Health Perspectives: Speaker Series

**URL: [bit.ly/aaianxietygad](https://bit.ly/aaianxietygad)**

**Thursday, May 6**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM EST**

*Join the MIT Asian American Initiative to talk about anxiety—Dr. Soo Jeong Youn and Dr. Sinhae Cho will be discussing generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) in the Asian American community. Come see the cool activity they have planned, followed by an open Q&A.*

## Exploring Racial Identity Skills & Discussion Group

**URL: Email Dr. Patel for more info and to schedule a screening at**

**[patel@med.mit.edu](mailto:patel@med.mit.edu)**

**Start Date: July 2021**

*A new skills & discussion group at MIT Mental Health starting in July will open to BIPOC students, graduate and undergraduate, who are interested in exploring their ethnic/racial identity, understanding internalized oppression, and experiences with ethnic/racial microaggressions and macroaggressions.*

## Asian Americans Screening

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/AAIEvents](https://tinyurl.com/AAIEvents)**

**Thursday, May 8**

**8:00 - 10:30 PM EST**

*Come to the Kresge Lawn to watch the first episode "Breaking Through" and last episode "Breaking Ground" of the PBS documentary series on Asian Americans to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month. There will be registration beforehand to ensure social distancing. Sponsored by MIT AAI.*

## SaveTFP! Friday Events

**URL: Sign up for updates at [tinyurl.com/savetfpmail](https://tinyurl.com/savetfpmail)**

**Fridays, May 7 & 14**

**9:00 - 11:00 PM EST**

*Every Friday SaveTFP! has virtual events reducing stress and facilitating student social activities while increasing health awareness and curbing dangerous behaviors at MIT. For May, events include a Scavenger Hunt Night (5/7) and Finals Countdown Game Night (5/14). Some of the events may even have prizes.*

## Leading Through Connections

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MITLeading](https://tinyurl.com/MITLeading)**

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

*Join SOLE and PKG for this Personal Empowerment Series workshop where you will learn what leadership opportunities are available for you both on and off campus and*



*how you can become a leader through change. Sponsored by SOLE in partnership with ISO, PKG, OMP, MITFCU and MITAA.*

## How to Leverage Fear to Achieve Success

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MITLeverage](http://tinyurl.com/MITLeverage)**

**Wednesday, May 5**

**6:00 - 7:00 PM EST**

*Join us for this Personal Empowerment Series workshop led by Dr. Alma Jam of OMP where she will guide you through how you can utilize fear to build your self-confidence and fuel your success. Sponsored by SOLE in partnership with ISO, PKG, OMP, MITFCU and MITAA.*

## Financial Planning for the "Real World"

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MITFinance0506](http://tinyurl.com/MITFinance0506)**

**Thursday, May 6**

**5:15 - 6:15 PM EST**

*Join us for a Personal Empowerment Series workshop on financial planning outside of MIT. The session will be led by Mark Porter, a MITFCU Financial Planner. Sponsored by SOLE in partnership with ISO, PKG, OMP, MITFCU and MITAA.*

## Alumni Social Hour

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MITSocial0511](http://tinyurl.com/MITSocial0511)**

**Tuesday, May 11**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Join SOLE and MIT Alumni Association for this Personal Empowerment Series event as we offer you the opportunity to practice your networking skills while getting to know a number of influential MIT alumni. Sponsored by SOLE in partnership with ISO, PKG, OMP, MITFCU and MITAA.*

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## AAPI Businesses Scavenger Hunt

**URL: Submit receipts at [tinyurl.com/aapicambridge](https://tinyurl.com/aapicambridge)  
Friday, May 21**

*Join the OMP and UA in supporting local AAPI businesses during May, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. If you visit 5 businesses by May 21, the UA and OMP will reimburse up to \$20 for the sixth business you will support.*

## Project AA/PIidentity: Multimedia Challenge & Livestream

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/92247083137](https://mit.zoom.us/j/92247083137)**

**Friday, May 7**

**8:00 - 9:00 PM EST**

*Submit what being Asian American or Pacific Islander means to you by May 2 at [tinyurl.com/AAPIdentity](https://tinyurl.com/AAPIdentity). Then join the OMP to watch a livestream of what being AAPI means to your classmates at MIT and help decide the winning entries and prizes.*

## Leitis in Waiting AAI Social

**URL: [bit.ly/gbmaai](https://bit.ly/gbmaai)**

**Wednesday, May 5**

**9:00 - 10:30 PM EST**

*Join MIT AAI to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month by watching a documentary. AAI will be watching Leitis in Waiting, a short film about an intrepid group of transgender*

*women rising to reclaim their righteous place in the South Pacific Kingdom, Tonga. Following the film will be a short discussion.*

## DEI Conversations: Navigating Disability, Both Visible and Invisible

**URL: [tinyurl.com/DEI0503](https://tinyurl.com/DEI0503)**

**Monday, May 3**

**1:00 - 2:30 PM EST**

*Join this panel featuring Lizzie Velásquez and Darcy Gordon on the issues that individuals with disabilities face on campus, in the workplace, and in society, and how they can be better addressed through education and Institutional change. Captioning and ASL provided.*

## LCC Game Night: Scattergories

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/97199212797](https://mit.zoom.us/j/97199212797)**

**Sunday, May 2**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM EST**

*Join the Latino Cultural Center for a fun weekend game night. Feel free to come and play Scattergories with some of your favorite people.*

## Let's Talk About College Part 2

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/8057565284](https://mit.zoom.us/j/8057565284)**

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

*Join the Latino Cultural Center to talk about navigating higher education as Latinx student. Possible discussion subjects include mental health, imposter syndrome, and therapeutic skills to use.*

## A TRIP Down Memory Lane - Memorial Day Social

**URL: [mit.zoom.us/j/98379989062](https://mit.zoom.us/j/98379989062)**

**Friday, May 28**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM EST**

*Exhausted now that all your finals are done? Come hang out with the Office of Multicultural Programming to reflect on all that has happened this past academic year.*

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

### **NYC Pride 2021 RALLY**

**URL: RSVP at [tinyurl.com/NYCRally21](https://tinyurl.com/NYCRally21)**

**Friday, June 25**

**6:00 - 7:00 PM EST**

*This nontraditional, virtual RALLY event comes at a time when conversation, education and activism is needed most. Join hosts Hope Giselle and Brandon Wolf along with activists from across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum as we RALLY together to take a stand against violence towards our community.*

### **Queer and Trans Asian American Poetry Series: Richard Fun and Alexandra Cuerdo**

**URL: Register at [dartgo.org/fung-cuerdo](https://dartgo.org/fung-cuerdo)**

**Tuesday, May 25**

**12:30 - 1:30 PM EST**

*Join filmmakers Richard Fung and Allie Cuerdo, Asian American documentary filmmakers, for screenings and conversations (Re:Orientations is 1 hour and Dancing on My Own (short) is 14 minutes) about imagining queer Asian futures.*

### **“Thina”: A New Piece from SYREN Modern Dance**

**URL: Register at [tinyurl.com/THINA0506](https://tinyurl.com/THINA0506)**

**Thursday, May 6**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM EST**

*Join the SYREN dance company and Museum of Science for an encore performance of Thina. "Thina," meaning us/we in Zulu, is a dance created by Kate St. Amand for the*

*dancers of SYREN inspired by the work of South African composer Philip Miller. The event is free and virtual but pre-registration is required.*

**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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