

LBGTQ+ Services

November LBGTQ+

NEWSLETTER

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I GOT A FEELIN'

It's going to be an awesome November. We're coming out of spooky October where it's been a great month for celebration and a very packed National Coming Out Day Event.

Into November it is Native American and Indigenous Peoples' Month which we're celebrating with LBGTQ+ figures around the Rainbow Lounge and on our board in the infinite.

It is also Trans Day of Remembrance. There are two events happening, one for all of campus and one centered around the newly formed T-Time group (for trans people by trans people). Read through the newsletter to find out more and see what's going on in the MIT community.

And if you want any events or groups promoted in the newsletter email:

lmcnair@mit.edu

SPXCE Hours

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

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

///**T TIME GROUP**

A message from Erin Erhart who leads the group (and is looking for co-leaders):

Hi everyone! We will be holding out next T-Time on **Tuesday, November 19 from 3:00-4:00 in the Rainbow Lounge!** T-Time is a time for trans, gender non-binary, genderqueer folx to come together, chat, make plans, and share resources. This group will be meeting twice a month on alternate dates and times so if you can't make it to one meeting maybe you can make it to the other!

Got ideas for T-Time? Want to help plan it out? Email Erin at erhart@mit.edu with suggestions, or to join the brand-new listserv!

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

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

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, November 20

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

“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

Every Thursday

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

Are you looking to connect with other LBGTQ+ and allying people on campus? Join our weekly First Year dinners for our LBGTQ+ and allying communities to join our first year students (ugrad and grad), reclaiming a sense of community.

QLAB: Queer & LBGT Advisory Board

50-250, Rainbow Lounge

On hold for now!

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

Q-LAB is going to be on hold for the fall semester as we work to revamp it and make it a great consistent event for students! Be on the lookout for more information in the future around focus groups.

Interested in shaping Q-LAB? Email Lauryn McNair (lmcnair@mit.edu)

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///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

November LGBTQ+ Book Recs.

A Cup of Water Under My Bed: A Memoir by Daisy Hernandez

TAGS: *Queer women, Memoir, Latinx*

A coming of age memoir about shaping lessons from home into a new, queer life..

Daisy Hernández chronicles what the women in her Cuban-Columbian family taught her about love, money, and race.

Bloom by Kevin Panetta and Savanna Ganucheau

TAGS: *Graphic Novel, Queer Men, Romance*

A graphic novel by Kevin Panetta and Savanna Ganucheau, is about two

high-school-age boys who meet and fall in love one summer while working at a family bakery.

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Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil

MIT Chapel

Wednesday, November 20

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

In collaboration with LBGTQ+ Services and the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical life, a vigil will be held in the MIT Chapel in honor of Trans Day of Remembrance.

All are welcome to attend.

Haitian Contemporary Dance Workshop

W97-162

Thursday, November 7

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

Dancer & choreographer extraordinaire Jean Appolon is starting a series of free Afro-Haitian dance workshops at MIT!

Queer Movie Night

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Friday, November 22

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

Join the Latino Cultural Center and LBGTQ+ services in making Aztec friendship bracelets while watching To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar.

Food will be provided!

Stand-up Comedian: Tig Notaro

Little Kresge Theatre (W16-035)

Friday, November 15

8:00 PM / 20:00

Closed show for MIT community!

Tig Notaro is a groundbreaking stand-up comedian, actor, writer, producer, and director. Hailed for her effortless storytelling and fearless stage presence, her subject

matter ranges from the delightfully absurd to the monumentally serious. Rolling Stone recently named Tig “one of the 50 best stand-up comics of all time.”

Get your ticket at <https://mit.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1113&p=1>

And use code TigN11

A Cup of Water Under My Bed: A Memoir Book Signing and Q&A

Room 1-190

Thursday, November 7

4:30-6:30 PM / 16:30-18:30

MIT Reads is an all-MIT reading experience that aims to build community and foster understanding.

Tackling issues of race, class, feminism, and queer sexuality, Hernández examines how the experiences of her past informed her ability to create a new kind of life for herself, without having to abandon the people and the places that shaped her.

MIT Shakespeare Ensemble Presents Twelfth Night

Kresge Little Theatre

November 1-2, 7-9

8 PM / 20:00

November 3

4 PM / 16:00

MIT Shakespeare Ensemble presents a delightful comedy filled with laughter, confusion, and discussions of identity and gender. Reserve tickets now at ensemble.mit.edu/tickets

Tickets

MIT, Harvard and Wellesley students: \$5

MIT community, seniors and other students: \$9

General admission: \$12

MIT OMP and FGP Present: Going Home

SPXCE W31-110

Wednesday, November 13

5:00 PM / 17:00

The Office of Multicultural Programs and the First Generation Program at MIT are hosting an open discussion event on the experience of going home.

Come to this event to build a community and meet new people with similar experiences, as well as share your own stories and resources with others. Learn to navigate difficult conversations and topics with family and your home community. Food is provided.

T-time: A Trans, GNC, GQ, GNB Group

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Wednesday, November 19

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM / 15:00 - 16:00

Drop by for tea, hot cocoa, cookies, and some cool folx to chat with as we make it through November for Trans Day of Remembrance. Connect with community, share stories of strength and inspiration, and celebrate the lives and mourn the loss of some of our community's greatest Queeroes (queer heroes)!

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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>

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.

First Mondays Grad Hangout

Rainbow Lounge, 50-250

Monday, November 4th

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

Please join MIT Graduate and Post-Doc LGBTQ+ community members in a chill hangout spot with light snacks.

Meet new friends and colleagues, while checking out the Rainbow Lounge! Every first Monday of the month.

Live-In Mentor (GRA) Opportunity

Interested in being an undergrad live-in mentor?

Find more information about the positions at <https://studentlife.mit.edu/beagragrt>

They are having an earlier hiring session, so please contact Topher Nelson at tophern@mit.edu if they are interested.

Bio-LGBTQ

BioLGBTQ+ 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

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/

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

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 LBGT community and to foster opportunities for personal and professional growth regardless of sexual or gender identity.

Website: 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.

///LBGTQ+ Services Programs and Updates

Rainbow Lounge Library

Did you know the Rainbow Lounge has a library? If not then come check us out to see all of our books. If you don't see an LBGTQ+ book that you think would be great then write it down and let us know.

We do book recommendations for awareness days, heritage months, and just because.

You can see our full catalogue online with our advanced tagging system here:

<https://lbgtqmit.libib.com/>

Display Your Art at 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**! Art can be displayed for a whole semester at the Rainbow Lounge.*

Please email Nikki for more information: abeleda@mit.edu

Gender Inclusive Bathrooms Committee

*If you're interested in being a part of the re-vamped gender inclusive bathrooms committee for MIT then please email Lauryn McNair, **lmcnair@mit.edu** for interest and information.*

The committee will be looking for students (undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty and staff.

///BEYOND MIT****

Cilac Freire Winter LGBTQ Program

Cuernavaca Area, Mexico

January 4-17, 2020

A progressive Spanish immersion school in Mexico, is hosting a two week Winter LGBTQ Program that teaches students about the real situation of the LGBTQ community in Mexico through the study of the language and cultural exchange.

Email: infor@cilacfreire.mx

Link: <http://www.cilacfreire.mx/en/WinterLGBTQ>

Harvest Gay Spirit Camp

Easton Mountain Retreat Center

391 Herrington Hill Road, Greenwich, NY 12834

Friday to Sunday, November 15 - 17

November 15 6:00 PM / 18:00 – November 17 1:00 PM / 13:00

Enjoy a weekend of fun fall activities that make the most of this special time of year. Head out to the trails covered in vibrant fall colors or join us on an excursion to a local apple farm and corn maze. If you're feeling cozy, stay warm by the fire, or unwind in the sauna or hot tub. If you're seeking workshops, join one of the creative, fun or meditative workshops offered.

Link: <https://eastonmountain.secure.retreat.guru/program/harvest19/>

Inclusion of LGBTQ People in Bioscience Study

Thank you for taking the time to read this call for volunteers. I am seeking participants in a study to understand more about the experiences of LGBTQ+ people in the biosciences. I'm looking for folks who have attended (or are attending) colleges and universities across the United States to take at least one short survey.

If you wish to learn more, email Tony for more info tonyrcolella@email.arizona.edu

Sasha Velour's Smoke and Mirrors Live Show

Emerson Colonial Theater

Saturday, November 16th

8:00 PM / 20:00

Smoke & Mirrors, Sasha Velour's first one-queen show, is an effortless blend of drag, visual art, and magic. Velour introduces audiences to a whole new side of her artistry, through 13 dazzling and genre-busting lip-synch performances, all directed and choreographed by the queen herself.

Desi Queer Diaspora Conference 2020

Austin, TX

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35 Austin, TX 78752

Conference Date: May 15-17

Monday, November 11 (for proposals)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/desiQueer>

This year's Desi Queer Diaspora Conference is accepting 27 presentation proposals (due Nov 11) for their conference (from May 15-17) this year. DQDC's purpose is to bring together South Asian, Desi, and Indo-Caribbean LGBTQ+ and GNC folks to discuss the political and cultural issues faced by those in these groups. Deadline for conference registration is March 1st.

Register link & more info: <https://www.desiqdiaspora.org/register>

Trans Day of Remembrance (Fenway Health)

Fenway Health

10th Floor, 1340 Boylston St., Boston MA 02215

Monday, November 18th

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

This event is run by the Young Leaders Council of Fenway Health in collaboration with Black and Pink and Prisoner's Legal Services. Join them to hear from formerly

incarcerated individuals as well as those working on the legislative and community support side. A letter writing campaign to currently incarcerated LGBTQ+ individuals will follow.

Free admission. RSVP at ylc@fenwayhealth.org (limited seats available).

Asian Glow

Pao Arts Center

99 Kneeland St, Boston, MA

Saturday, November 16th

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

Asian Glow is a performance series for the Asian diaspora in Boston, particularly creatives in a genre or style that does not necessarily link to their ancestral identity. Asian Glow encourages artists to be seen as individuals and perform as the majority, without explanation or apology (reference to Viet Thanh Nguyen).

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/y58j9m2k>

Feel It, Speak It, Open Mic 10 Year Anniversary

Bella Luna Restaurant

268 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Thursday, November 14th

7:00 PM / 19:00

Join Feel it, Speak it (FiSi) for their 10 year anniversary! FiSi is the first open mic in the Boston area for Queer Trans People of Color (QTPoC)!

Open Mics are held EVERY 2nd Thursday and are followed by a dance party!!! \$10 at the door, but no one will be turned away for no funds!

TDOR: Community Gathering and Celebration

138 Tremont St, Boston, MA

Sunday, November 17th

5:00 – 8:00 PM / 17:00 – 20:00

This year we will gather once again in Boston to honor and celebrate the transgender community and their lives. This community event will include a vigil, speakers, performers, and potluck!

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/tdor19>

National Novel Writing Month

75 Amory St, Garden Level

November 2019 - Mondays

7:00 – 8:00 PM / 19:00 – 20:00

Boston GLASS is hosting a writing group for November - NaNoWriMo! If you're an LGBTQ person of color between the ages of 13-25 come on by! All short stories, poetry, screenplays, or any other creative writing projects are welcome! Contact: Makana Bailey

Email: m Bailey@jri.org

Contact Number: 857-399-1920 ext 2403

Black, Brown, & Queer+ Colloquium

Barker Center - Harvard

12 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA

Wednesday, November 13

3:00 – 5:00 PM / 15:00 – 17:00

The Center for Black, Brown, and Queer Studies (BBQ+) is hosting Robert Reid-Pharr, Professor of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality at Harvard University to speak about his latest book project, A biography of James Baldwin!

At the Barker Center in the Plimpton Room (133) at Harvard University!

LGBTQ+ Afro-Latin Dance event

Hard Rock Cafe - Boston

Friday, November 8th

8:00 PM / 20:00

Join us for a night of beginner to intermediate lessons in Bachata and Salsa, performances, and dancing to DJ LaNena and DJ Condori. Everyone is welcome. DespeloteX is a quarterly event series that seeks to make the Afro-Latin dance scene more LGBTQ inclusive.

18+ Event, \$15 Cover

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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