LBGTQ+ SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2019
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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

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!

SPXCE HOURS

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

RL HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00pm
**Lazos: A Place at the Table for TQPOC & Allies of Color**

*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, November 20th
Time: 5:00 - 6:45 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

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**First Year Dinners**

*What Are First Year Dinners?*

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.

*When and Where Is This?*

Date: Every Thursday
Time: 5:45 - 6:45 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

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**QLAB: Queer & LBGT+ Advisory Board**

*What Is QLAB?*

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 so you can share what you think QLAB should be.

Interested in shaping Q-LAB?
Email Lauryn McNair
(lmcnair@mit.edu)
A CUP OF WATER UNDER MY BED
BY DAISY HERNÁNDEZ

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.

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS AT: HTTPS://LBGTQMIT.LIBIB.COM/
**Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil**

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.

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Wednesday, November 20
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Location: MIT Chapel

**Haitian Contemporary Dance Workshop**

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

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Thursday, November 7
Time: 5:30-7:00 pm
Location: W97-162

**Queer Movie Night**

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!

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Friday, November 22nd
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Stan Dog: Tig Notaro
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. Get your ticket with code TigN11

When and Where is This?
Date: Friday, November 15th
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Little Kresge Theatre W16-035

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

When and Where is This?
Date: Thursday, November 7th
Time: 4:30 - 6:30PM
Location: Building 1-190

Twelfth Night
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
MIT, Harvard and Wellesley students: $5
MIT community, seniors and other students: $9
General admission: $12

When and Where is This?
Date: Friday, November 15th
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Little Kresge Theatre W16-035
The OMP and the FGP 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! Learn to navigate difficult conversations and topics with family and your home community. Food is provided.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Wednesday, November 13
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: SPXCE W31-110

**T-TIME: A TRANS, GNC, GQ, GNB GROUP**
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).

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Wednesday, November 19th
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
HAPPENING AT MIT: JUST FOR GRADS

GRADUATE RESOURCES WEB 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 now also includes a recurring 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

Please join MIT Graduate and Post-Doc LBGTQ+ 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.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Monday, November 4th
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

LIVE-IN MENTOR (GRA) OPPORTUNITY

Interested in being an undergrad live-in mentor?

Find more information about the positions at https://studentlife.mit.edu/beagra

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

LGBT Grad is student group run by and for LGBT grad students and friends of the MIT community. Our mission is build and maintain a graduate student LGBT community across the Institute, and to connect MIT grad students to the LGBT community in the greater Boston area.

Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/lgbtgrad/

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

Website:
web.mit.edu/sloan-lgbt/

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.

Contact:
erdmans@mit.edu or mzucker@mit.edu
Display your art in 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.

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/
BEYOND MIT

CILAC FREIRE WINTER LGBTQ PROGRAM
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

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: January 4-17, 2020
Time: N/A
Location: Mexico

HARVEST GAY SPIRIT CAMP
Enjoy fall colors, an 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.retreatchile.org/program/harvest19/

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: November 15-17, 2019
Time: 6PM
Location: 391 Herrington Hill Road Greenwich, NY 12834

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
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**

DQD 2020 is a conference that aims to gather LGBTQ+ & TGNC South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and folks that identify within the Desi Diaspora. Deadline for submitting proposal to present: **November 11**

Last date to register: March 1st

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

**Trans Day of Remembrance**

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

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**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** Saturday, November 16  
**Time:** 8PM  
**Location:** Emerson Colonial Theatre

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**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** May 15-17 (Conference Date)  
**Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel 6505 N Interstate Hwy 35 Austin, TX 78752

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**When and Where Is This?**

**Date:** November 18th  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
**Location:** Fenway Health 10th Floor 1340 Boylston St., Boston
ASIAN GLOW

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

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: November 16
Time: 6:30-9:30 PM
Location: Pao Arts Center - 99 Kneeland St, Boston, MA

FEEL IT, SPEAK IT OPEN MIC
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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!

TDOR: COMMUNITY
GATHERING & CELEBRATION

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

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: November 14
Time: 7PM
Location: Bella Luna - 268 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: November 17
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: 138 Tremont St, Boston, MA
National Novel Writing Month
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: mbailey@jri.org Contact Number: 857-399-1920 ext 2403

Black, Brown, & Queer+ Colloquium
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 at the Barker Center in the Plimpton Room (133) at Harvard!

LGBTQ+ Afro-Latin Dance Event
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

When and Where is This?
Date: November 2019 - Mondays
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM
Location: 75 Amory St, Garden Level

When and Where is This?
Date: November 13
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Location: Barker Center, 12 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA

When and Where is This?
Date: Friday, November 8
Time: 8PM
Location: Hard Rock Cafe, Boston
you are welcome here

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

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