

LBGTQ+ Services

November LBGTQ+

NEWSLETTER

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Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. Check our social media on how we're celebrating LBGTQ+ Native and indigenous figures.

Trans Day of Remembrance

Friday November 20th is Trans Day of Remembrance. TDoR started in 1998 after the death of Rita Hester from Massachusetts, a black trans woman who lost her life to anti-transgender violence. She was the latest in many public anti-transgender murders that year. TDoR is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. It is a day to draw attention to the continued violence endured by transgender people, and especially trans BIPOC.

Please join LBGTQ+ Services for a virtual vigil to remember their lives. Details later on in the newsletter.

LBGTQ+ Services

Office Hours

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

Virtual Hangouts

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/95622492799

Mondays: 1:30 - 3:30pm EST

Tuesdays: 5:30 - 7:30 pm EST

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

QTPoC

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/96405705309

Dates: *Wednesday, November 11*

Time: *TBD*

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

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/95443294045

Every Friday

7:00 - 9:00 pm EST

This month is going to have a different theme. Each Friday will have a different theme and corresponding game or movie will be played.

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

lgbtq.mit.edu/digital-content

Rainbow Lounge Hangout

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693

Mondays 1:30 - 3:30 PM EST

Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30 PM EST

Monday and Tuesdays 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

Twitter: @lbgmtit

Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///*UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

November LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Full-Metal Indigiqueer: Poems by Joshua Whitehead

TAGS: Indigenous, Poetry, 2Spirit

This collection focuses on a hybridized Indigiqueer trickster character named Zoa. 'The poetry celebrates Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer folk who have been ghosted in policy, page, tradition, and history

Along the Journey River by Carole LaFavor

TAGS: Lesbian, Ojibwa, Mystery

Renee LaRoche tries to track down the person stealing sacred artifacts while trying to help her chimook lover accept their cultural differences.

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Data Against Femicide

Zoom URL: RSVP for more info tinyurl.com/FemDataNov

Thursdays, November 5 -24
Time TBD

Data Against Femicide is a series of sessions designed to bring together activists and civil society organizations, public officials, and journalists who are working or are interested in working with femicide data. The series includes webinars, workshops, and discussions.

PKG: First-Year Community Engagement Series

Zoom URL: RSVP for more info tinyurl.com/PKGfirstyr
Fridays through semester
Time Varies

The PKG is running a weekly series about social change and actionable resources for first years. Join for weekly sessions, topics in November include health opportunities, power, and housing and environmental justice.

Feminisms Unbound: Stillness and (Social) Movement

Zoom URL: Register at tinyurl.com/GCWSNov
Thursday, November 19
6:30 - 8:30 pm EST

Come join a GCWS panel about reflections on what it means to move, to be moved, and to be still, and how these can become resources for feminist and antiracist reflection and organizing. Recent protests counter a terrible decades-long visual sovereignty.

Trans Day of Remembrance

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/91385326654
Friday, November 20
4:00 - 6:00 pm EST

On November 20th each year, people around the world remember and honor transgender and non-binary people who have lost their lives due to anti-trans violence. We will gather to honor trans lives and say the names of trans people who have lost their lives this year. We will close with information about how to take action.

MIT Solve Student Workshop

Zoom URL: Register at tinyurl.com/MITSolveNov

Thursday, November 12

4:30 - 6:30 pm EST

MIT Solve identifies and supports social innovators with the best solutions to the world's challenges. Join Solve for a two-part workshop where students get to: Design the 2021 Solve Global Challenges and Shape Solve for Youth a program supporting Social Entrepreneurs on campuses.

Borat Subsequent Moviefilm

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693

Monday, November 2

1:30 - 3:30 pm EST

Join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout to watch the newest Borat film. Come bring your popcorn and drinks! The movie follows Sacha Baron Cohen as the fictional Kazakh journalist and television personality Borat Sagdiyev, and his daughter Tutar, who is to be offered as a bride to Vice President Mike Pence

Indigenous Futurisms

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693

Monday, November 9

1:30 - 3:30 pm EST

Come join us for a Rainbow Lounge Hangout and experience Indigenous Futurisms through songs, podcasts, and short films.

Check out our website for more at lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content/

Chambers Watch Party

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693

Monday, November 16 & 30

1:30 - 3:30 pm EST

Join us for a Chambers watch party for episodes 1 & 2 on Nov 16 and episodes 3 & 4 Nov 30. Chambers follows the story of a teenager who, after receiving a heart transplant, is haunted by unexplained visions. She begins to unravel the circumstance that led to the donor's death.

QTPOC Self-Care Game Night

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/96405705309

Wednesday, November 11

Time TBD

Are you stressed with school and need a break? Come to QTPOC's Self Care Game Night. Take time away from work and academics and enjoy some self-care time and games. This is a space intended LBGQTQ+ undergrads, grads, and postdocs of color. Check out our website for more information at lgbtq.mit.edu/digital-content/!

December Crafterday Corner

Zoom URL: *Check back for more info at* lgbtq.mit.edu/digital-content

Be on the lookout for the Crafterday Corner sign-up for our December gathering! Don't miss your chance to get a free craft kit from MIT and make some new friends. Each session, 15 of the students who sign up receive a free craft kit from MIT to use during the virtual craft session.

Tuesday Rainbow Lounge Hangouts

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693

Tuesdays, November 3, 10 & 17

5:30 - 7:30 pm EST

Join student worker Michael on Tuesdays in November for some digital games.

Nov 3- Collaborative Digital Jigsaw

Nov 10 - Escape Room Galore

Nov 17 - Among Us

Watch The Witches

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/95443294045

Friday, November 6

7:00 - 9:00 pm EST

For Web Fam Friday come watch The Witches. Based on Roald Dahl's 1983 classic book 'The Witches', the story tells the scary, funny and imaginative tale of a seven year old boy who has a run in with some real life witches! This movie is family friendly.

Watch No Escape

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/95443294045

Friday, November 13

7:00 - 9:00 pm EST

For Web Fam Friday come watch No Escape where a social media personality travels with his friends to Moscow to capture new content for his successful VLOG. There he enters a cold world of mystery, excess, and danger. Warning: Rated R for bloody violence, and may be disturbing.

T-Time

Zoom URL: For the Zoom link please email lbgt@mit.edu

Friday, November 6

4:00 pm EST

Join T-Time a student, staff, and faculty group for trans and gender non conforming folks. to talk about experiences and learn more from each other. The discussion group is re-starting now post-COVID and is looking for more members.

Funding for LBGTQ+ Groups

The LBGTQ+ office has funding for projects and events that support LBGTQ+ community at MIT! We would love to hear your ideas and connect about how our office could support them. Your group does not need to be ASA recognized to receive funding. Please contact with questions or to apply for funding. Email lbgt@mit.edu for more information.

Pleasure & the Body During COVID

Zoom URL: For the Zoom link please email lbgt@mit.edu

Date TBD

Time TBD

Join the Virtual Cheney Room for a workshop about the relationship between your pleasure and body during the pandemic. The workshop will be led by VPR's Vienna Rothberg. Cheney Room events are targeted towards non-binary and women students.

Virtual Cheney Room

URL: Contact Daniella Gati at dgati@mit.edu for the link

Open 24/7

The Virtual Margaret Cheney Room, a digital space that's always available for hanging out, studying, or relaxing. The Virtual Cheney Room is a Gather.town space that features video, voice, text chat and other features. The Cheney Room is intended for women and non-binary students.

ICEO Community Dialogues - Hiding in Plain Sight

Zoom URL: Register at tinyurl.com/ICEONov9

Monday, November 9

12:00 - 1:30 pm EST

Are you curious to learn more about implicit bias? Join the MIT ICEO for a workshop on bias and microaggressions. This 90-minute interactive workshop will help participants have an understanding of the implicit biases we all carry and some strategies to manage them.

COVID & Relationships

Zoom URL: Register at tinyurl.com/ICEONov9

Tuesday, November 10

12:00 - 1:00 pm EST

Join the Virtual Cheney Room to learn more about how COVID and Relationships. The workshop will be led by Gurleen Kaur Singh who works at VPR.

Cheney Room events are targeted towards non-binary and women students.

Against Mass Incarceration

Zoom URL: Register at tinyurl.com/ICEONov9

Date TBD

Time TBD

Join the Virtual Cheney Room to learn more about the movement against mass incarceration. Speakers include Massachusetts State Representative Liz Miranda, Black and Pink Boston, and representatives from the MIT Educational Justice Institute.

Cheney Room events are targeted towards non-binary and women students.

COVID & the Arts

Zoom URL: Register at engage.mit.edu/event/6580894

Friday, November 13

3:30 pm EST

Join the Virtual Cheney Room on a discussion about how COVID has affected the arts. Speakers include representatives from the MIT Museum, the List Visual Arts Center, ICA Boston, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the Office of the Arts at MIT.

Cheney Room events are targeted towards non-binary and women students.

Community Innovation Fund

Application URL: mindhandheart.mit.edu/innovation-fund

Sunday, November 15

11:59 pm EST

The fund offers up to \$10K to support student and faculty projects that build community and resilience in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, support mental and physical health, promote inclusion and respect, counter imposter syndrome, welcome new members of our community virtually, and more!

Ask.MIT

URL: ask.mit.edu

MIT's new ask.mit resource is a place you can turn to for help. Ask a question and a member of the Student Support and Wellbeing team will get back to you within one business day. They will also ensure your question gets answered or you get referred to the right resource.

MIT Reboot week

URL: studentlife.mit.edu/reboot

Monday, November 2 - Wednesday, November 11

Event Times Vary

2020 is not normal but the MIT community hasn't missed a beat. MIT Reboot is a time to recharge and take a break. They are inviting students, staff and faculty to find moments to refresh and enjoy one of the many events being held. They encourage you to review the schedule and participate in any way that works for you.

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LGBT Grad Netflix Watch Party- Disclosure

Zoom URL: mit.zoom.us/j/95341710961

Wednesday, November 18

7:30 pm EST

Join LGBT Grads virtually and watch Disclosure together through Netflix Party. A discussion will follow at the end. Disclosure looks at Hollywood's depiction of transgender people and the impact of this on American culture.

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Queer Heartache

Zoom URL: Find specific info at tinyurl.com/kityanart

Various Days

Streaming

Kit Yan is an award-winning, queer, trans, Asian-American poet from Hawaii. Queer Heartache is their solo slam poetry show that explores their identities, asks what queer hearts and families are made of, and interrogates the forces that constantly work to break them apart.

Call for Submissions

Submission: For more info email outoftheclosetsubmissions@gmail.com

Due Sunday, December 13

11:59 pm EST

Lizzie Haroldsen and Grace Houghton are working on a book project and looking for essays. It is a collection of personal essays written by queer college students for queer college students. They are working with an interested publishing house in order to make this project a reality.

We Keep Each Other Safe: Mutual Aid for Survival and Solidarity

Zoom URL: For more info RSVP at tinyurl.com/aidNov12

Thursday, November 12

7:00 pm EST

On Nov 12, Dean Spade will be joined by anti-violence organizers Mariame Kaba and Ejeris Dixon to discuss mutual aid as an abolitionist project. Why is mutual aid key to practicing abolition? Hosted by the Barnard Center for Research on Women.

Trans Research Study

URL: Study is at tinyurl.com/transukmc or email Prof. Watson watsonlb@umkc.edu

Ongoing

UKMC is conducting a therapeutic writing study to enhance body image and wellbeing among transgender people over 18 in the US to improve therapy for trans clients. The study takes 25 mins and participants will be eligible to enter a raffle to win one of four \$25 Amazon gift cards.

SHIFT Fellowship

Application URL: airtable.com/shrJnP3JnSjKJv5hr

Due Sunday, November 15

11:59 pm EST

Somewhere Good is a new social platform designed for people of color to connect around the things they love. SHIFT is a one-year fellowship program designed to create an ongoing feedback loop of innovation and exploration between the product, team and communities.

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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