

LBGTQ+ Services October LBGTQ+ NEWSLETTER

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SPOOKTOBER

It's that time of year, y'all when everything is spooky and many of us eat way too many apple cider donuts. (#noregrets)

We hope you enjoy the October newsletter which has a lot of great events going on in celebration of cultural heritage (Hispanic Heritage Month), as well as awareness days such as Asexual Awareness Day, Intersex Awareness Day, and it's also National Coming Out Day.

October is also LBGTQ+ Heritage Month. Please check out the Rainbow Lounge, SPXCE, or the LBGTQ+ board in the infinite to see what's going on and how you can help celebrate with us.

P-TOWN REVIEW

Thursday, October 17

4:30-5:30PM

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

The Provincetown retreat in September and it was an amazing and educational time with areas of growth, of celebration, of talking about hurt and pain, and building

communities. Over **100 people** signed up to attend the trip from a diverse range of identities.

There will be a **P-Town Review Meeting** to talk about what you liked, what you'd like to see next year, how you can get involved, and more. All welcome to attend.

SPXCE Hours

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

Rainbow Lounge Hours

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

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

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

W31-110, the SPXCE Intercultural Center

Wednesday, October 16

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

“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

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

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!

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

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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Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Alice Isn't Dead by Joseph Fink

TAGS: Interracial Relationship, Lesbian, Horror

A truck driver searches across America for the wife she thought was dead. She encounters not-quite-human serial murderers, towns literally lost in time, and a conspiracy that goes way beyond her missing wife.

The Cabin at the End of the World by Paul Tremblay

TAGS: Interracial Relationship, Gay Men, Horror

A gay couple and adopted daughter are taking a vacation in a secluded cabin in New Hampshire. Their dwelling is invaded by four strangers who tell them that to prevent the upcoming apocalypse one of them must be killed by the others.

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MIT Office of Undergraduate Admissions Volunteer Opportunity

Date: Whenever you're available, up to once per month

Shadow a Student matches Juniors and Seniors in High School with current MIT undergraduates, allowing them to attend classes and have lunch with a friendly student who can answer their questions about their MIT Undergraduate experience.

Apply Here: <https://tinyurl.com/admvolunteer2019>

Haitian Contemporary Dance Workshop

W97-162

September 19th, October 10th, 17th, November 7th

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

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

LBGTQ+ Religion & Spirituality Drop in Space

LBGTQ@MIT and the Office of Religious, Spiritual, & Ethical Life are collaborating to cultivate a drop-in space for students wishing to discuss the intersection of LBGTQ+ identities and religious/ spiritual identities and practices. We are looking for student leaders to help cultivate this space for discussion and peer-support.

If you are interested in helping imagine and design this drop-in programming, contact Cody Sanders (revcody@mit.edu) or Lauryn McNair (lmcnair@mit.edu).

Halloween Double Party

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Thursday, October 31

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

Come attend a spooky LBGTQ+ and Allies dinner open to all for treats, tricks, and Halloween themed music. Costumes encouraged but not required!

START in SPXCE (W31-110 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm) and END at the Rainbow Lounge (50-250 from 5:45 - 6:45pm).

Hocus Pocus Halloween Movie Night

Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Monday, October 28

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

Come for Hocus Pocus watching session in the Rainbow Lounge with candy, popcorn, and drinks!

“Ask for Jane” Film Screening

6-120

October 4th

17:30-20:30 / 5:30-8:30 PM

Free film screening open to the public. Includes pizza and a Q&A with the director, Rachel Carey.

Based on the true story, Ask for Jane is the story of two students who start a secret organization to help women obtain safe and illegal abortions in 1969 - a time when abortion was punishable by prison and getting birth control was nearly impossible.

My Sister's Keeper

My Sister's Keeper is a collaborative initiative from the Women and Gender Studies department (WGS) that is designed to help support the continued success of MIT's black women students.

"We hope to provide emotional and psychological support, foster kinship and community, strengthen academic performance, and cultivate engagement in social, political, and cultural matters beyond the classroom."

See <http://wgs.mit.edu/my-sisters-keeper> for more information!

Asexual Awareness Celebration

Rainbow Lounge, 50-250

October 22nd

13:00-19:00 / 1:00-7:00 PM

Drop by the Rainbow Lounge for all day programming of buttons, books, snacks, flags, resources, and discussion related to asexual identities.

All welcome.

Monthly Queer Movie Night

Rainbow Lounge, 50-250

October 25th

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

October 26th is Intersex Awareness Day, so for this month's Queer Movie Night we will be screening **No Box for Me. An Intersex Story.**

"This heartfelt, lyrical documentary focuses on four young adults whose characteristics make it difficult for them to live their lives in a binary system.

FGP x OME x LGBTQ+ mixer

W11 Main Dining Room

October 24th

18:00-19:30 / 6:00-7:30 PM

Please join us for a mixer between First Generation Program, the Office of Minority Education, and LBGTQ+ Services.

This is a space for communities to come together and address intersectionality within these communities.

Tomorrow Time

Lobby 13

October 23rd

10:00-16:00 / 10:00-4:00 PM

SPXCE will be one of the offices participating in "Tomorrow Time." It is a day where students across campus are tasked with trying to complete at least one goal they have been procrastinating on.

Drop by our table and complete tasks that you've been meaning to do. Want to see what SPXCE is doing? It's a mystery. Find us and come find out!

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

SPXCE, W31-110

October 9th

11:00-13:00 / 11:00-1:00 PM

Come celebrate the vastness of Hispanic Heritage through music, dance, education, and food amongst your friends.

All are welcome.

Coming Out Stories

Rainbow Lounge, 50-250

October 11th

15:00-17:00 / 3:00-5:00 PM

Coming out, even to yourself, is a powerful moment to tell you or others who you are and live your truth. There are many ways to come out and can happen over and over again. Stories can be powerful to each other.

Join others in a group discussion of sharing stories of coming out, what it means to you, the privilege around it, and more. All welcome to attend.

A Cup of Water Under My Bed: A Memoir

Building 1-190

November 7th

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

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.

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There will be a P-Town Review Meeting to talk about what you liked, what you'd like to see next year, how you can get involved, and more. This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard, and to continue to build community.

All welcome to attend. Snacks provided.

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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://lgbtq.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.

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First Mondays Grad Hangout

Rainbow Lounge, 50-250

October 7th

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

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!

Live-In Mentor (GRA) Opportunity

Interested in being an undergrad live-in mentor?

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

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

Bio-LBGTQ

*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

*LGBT Grad is the student group run by and for LGBT 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 LGBT 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.

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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 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.

Save the Date: Trans Day of Remembrance

MIT Chapel

Wednesday, November 20th

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

A vigil will be held in the MIT Chapel from Noon-1 in collaboration with the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life.

///BEYOND MIT****

“King for a Day” Drag Show

Club Cafe, Boston, MA

Saturday, October 5th

18:00 - 21:30 PM/ 6-9:30 PM

Drag Boston brings you the King for a Day Drag Show celebrating the mansformation of our King for a Day Workshop graduates and special guests. Advanced tickets highly recommended as all of our Drag King shows have sold out early.

Event is 21+, wheelchair accessible, all-gender restrooms

Transforming Athletics: Gender Diversity in Colleges and Beyond Webinar

Thursday, October 10th

13:00-14:00 PST / 1:00-2:00 PM PST

Join SpeakOut for this leading-edge conversation to learn from top thinkers and experts on the subject of gender diversity in college athletics, recreation, and residence halls, as well as creating safe locker rooms and learning best practices.

Register Here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uFQoR2xZR9icyeoisZkT5Q

Seeking Applicants for LGBTQ Youth Commission

The Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth is seeking accepting applicants to serve on the Commission for the 2020-2021 term. The Commission advises others in state government on effective policies, programs, and resources for LGBTQ youth. Through recommending annual policies, working in partnership with 18 state entities, and holding community events and listening sessions the Commission works to create a safe and welcoming community for all Massachusetts youth.

Apply Here:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/public-nominations-open-for-lgbtq-youth-commission>

Massachusetts General Hospital is Hiring

The Transgender Health Program of MGH is hiring for a Community Health Resource Specialist. This position is part-time position (24 to 32 hours per week).

Please note that this position is temporary and not eligible for benefits.

To apply: <https://partners.taleo.net>

Job ID #: 3105451

Audre Lorde Cancer Awareness Brunch

Fenway Health, 1340

Boylston St, Boston, MA

October 19th

10:00-13:00 / 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Enjoy a delicious brunch provided by a minority-owned business in the Boston area while gathering within a healing space for all women, including queer and trans women. The day will include music, dancing, and storytelling moments that soothe the body, soul, and mind - ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

2019 Historymaker Awards

St Botolph Club, 199 Commonwealth Ave, Boston

October 3rd

18:00-21:00 / 6:00-9:00 PM

Since 1980, The History Project has been documenting and preserving the history of Boston's LGBTQ communities, and sharing that information with LGBTQ individuals, organizations, allies, and the public.

For details and tickets:

<https://historyproject.org/event/2019-historymaker-award>

De Shaw & Co. Internship

D. E. Shaw group, is a global investment and technology development firm with a culture that combines some of the best aspects of finance, technology, and academia.

D. E. Shaw group's recruiting team is now accepting applications for internship and full-time roles.

To apply & more information: <https://www.deshaw.com/careers>

If You Can Feel It, Speak It Open Mike

Bella Luna Rest & Milky Way Lounge, 284 Amory St

October 10th

22:00 / 10:00 PM

The 'Feel it, Speak it' (FiSi) Open Mic prides itself on being the ONLY monthly open mic DEDICATED to the LGBTQI community of Color and its Allies. A non-discriminating, non-pretentious, & non-elitist platform is offered for one and all to express themselves!

GLAD Volunteer Opportunity

Boston Marriott Copley Place 110 Huntington Ave Boston, MA

October 25th

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders are looking for Volunteers for the Spirit of Justice Award Dinner which is GLAD's biggest event of the year!

For more details - <https://www.glad.org/2019sojvolunteers/>

GLAD Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for Participants in LGBTQI+ Psychological Research

Participate in a study by Mason Trinh, a senior at Bowling Green State University, for a project about victimization experiences and emotional well-being among LGBTQI+ individuals.

You're eligible to take the 10-15 minute survey if you:

- *Are 18-24*

- *Attend university in the US*
- *Have at least one or more than one LGBTQ+ Identity.*

10 survey participants will be randomly selected to receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Principal Investigator Mason Trinh at dtrinh@bgsu.edu

Survey Link Here—https://bgsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ihuFpWj6MDLKFT

<https://tinyurl.com/trinh-study>

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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