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

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.

Thursday, October 17 | 4:30 - 5:30PM | Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

SPXCE HOURS

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

RL HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 12:00pm - 7:00pm
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, October 16
Time: 5:00 - 6:45 PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)

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)

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 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.

**TAGS:** Interracial Relationship, Lesbian, 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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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 LGBTQ+ 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).

Haitian Contemporary Dance Workshop

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

Dates: Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Nov. 7
Time: 5:30-7:00 pm
Location: W97-162

MIT Office of Undergraduate Admissions Volunteer Opportunity

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

When and Where is This?

Date: Whenever you’re available, up to once per month
Halloween Double Party: SPXCE and Rainbow Lounge

Come attend a spooky LGBTQ+ and Allies family dinner open to all for treats, tricks, and Halloween prizes. 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).**

When and Where is this?  
Date: Thursday, October 31  
Time: 5:45-6:45 PM  
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

Hocus Pocus Movie Night

After moving to Salem, Mass., teenager Max Dennison explores an abandoned house. After dismissing a story Allison tells as superstitious, Max accidentally frees a coven of evil witches who used to live in the house. Now, with the help of a magical cat, the kids must steal the witches' book of spells to stop them from becoming immortal.  
Popcorn and drinks provided.

When and Where is this?  
Date: Monday, October 28th  
Time: 5:00-7:00PM  
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

"Ask for Jane" Film Screening

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.

When and Where is this?  
Date: Friday, October 4th  
Time: 5:30-8:30PM  
Location: 6-120
**Happening at MIT: For All**

**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](http://wgs.mit.edu/my-sisters-keeper) for more information!

**Asexual Awareness Celebration**

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:**

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.

**When and Where is this?**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 22  
**Time:** 1:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
Happening at MIT: For All

FGP x OME x LGBTQ+ Mixer

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.

When and Where is this?
Date: Thursday, October 24th
Time: 6:00 - 7:30PM
Location: WII Main Dining Room

Tomorrow Time

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!

When and Where is this?
Date: October 23rd
Time: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Lobby 13

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

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

All are welcome.

When and Where is this?
Date: Wednesday, October 9th
Time: 11:00am - 1:00PM
Location: SPXCE (W31-110)
Happening at MIT: For All

A Cup of Water Under My Bed: A Memoir

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

Coming Out Stories

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.

When and Where is this?
Date: Friday, October 11th
Time: 3:30 - 5:30PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)

P-Town Review

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.

When and Where is this?
Date: Thursday, October 17th
Time: 4:30 - 5:30PM
Location: Rainbow Lounge (50-250)
**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!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Monday, October 7th
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/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 student group run by and for LBGT grad students and friends of the MIT community. Our mission is build and maintain a graduate student LBGT community across the Institute, and to connect MIT grad students to the LBGT community in the greater Boston area.

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

**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 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

**Save the date: Trans Day of Remembrance**

Transgender Day of Remembrance - Wed, Nov 20th - A vigil will be held in the MIT Chapel from Noon-1 in collaboration with the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life

**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/

**When and Where is this?**

Date: Wednesday, November 20
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Location: MIT Chapel
"King for a Day" Drag King Show

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

When and Where Is This?
Date: Saturday, October 5th
Time: 8 - 9:30 PM
Location: Club Cafe, Boston, MA

Transforming Athletics Gender Diversity in Colleges and Beyond Webinar

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:
tinyurl.com/Transforming-Athletics

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.

Apply Here:

When and Where Is This?
Date: Thursday, October 10
Time: 1:00-2:00 PM PST
Beyond MIT

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

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!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Fenway Health, 1340 Boylston St, Boston, MA

Drag the ICE Machine Outta Here: Ft Naomi Chomsky. Join the Justice4Siham Campaign for a fun night of drag and musical performances to raise funds to help permanently reunite a family that was torn apart by ICE. Tickets are $20 at the door and ALL proceeds benefit Siham Byah. We are using a sliding scale, so pay what you can.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, October 10
Time: 7:30-10:00 PM
Location: Jacques Cabaret, 79 Broadway, Boston
Beyond MIT

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 MIC

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!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Thursday, October 10
Time: 10:00 PM
Location: Bella Luna Rest & Milky Way Lounge, 284 Amory St

GLAD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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/

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Friday, October 25
Location: Boston Marriott Copley Place 110 Huntington Ave Boston, MA
Please join SPECTRUM the LGBTQ+ Student Led Group of the Boston College School of Social Work in a panel with Anti-Straight Pride organizers from Black Lives Matter Cambridge organizers to discuss issues from this event.

Register - Stillprocessing.eventbrite.com

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Thursday, October 10
Time: 12:30PM-2PM
Location: Boston College, Gasson 100

Help a Graduate student conduct their research study on the experiences of agender individuals!

Individuals eligible for the study will be asked to participate in a 60-90 minute interview. This study is being conducted under the supervision of Dr. Katherine Sobering and has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of North Texas.
IRB #: IRB-19-328.
For more details please email: Loren Clupny - (He/Him or They/Them) - loren.clupny@unt.edu

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 are eligible to take the survey if you are:
- 18-24 years old
- Attend US university
- Have at least one or more than one LGBTQI+ identity.
10 survey participants will be randomly selected to receive a $25 Amazon gift card. If you have questions, email dtrinh@bgsu.edu
Survey Link: tinyurl.com/trinh-study
**FILM SCREENINGS: MELANIN QUEER EXISTENCE IS RESISTANCE**

The Melanin Pride Festival from Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13 is hosting a series of film screenings and art exhibitions to celebrate LGBTQ+ POC. This film screening consists of many short works that highlight changing narratives and the importance of identity visibility.

More info and tickets: [https://tinyurl.com/y2cw28dw](https://tinyurl.com/y2cw28dw)

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Saturday, October 12
Time: 12:30PM-2:30PM
Location: Museum of Fine Arts

**TALK ON QUEERNESS**

Come to Boston University and discuss the intersection of queerness, Koreaness and church!

Free admission and free pizza is provided, hosted by the Boston University Marsh Chapel and supported by the Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries and Korean Christians Welcoming LGBTQIA.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**
Date: Thursday, October 10
Time: 5:30PM
Location: BU Marsh Chapel

**BOSTON GLASS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Boston GLASS is currently taking applications for mentors and mentees! The aim of this program is to empower LGBTQ+ youth of color (ages 13-24) to achieve their fullest potential by developing positive and healthy relationships with an LGBTQ+ or allied adult (ages 25 & up) in the community.

If interested contact: smartinezguevara@jri.org or 857-399-1920 x2506.
you are welcome here

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

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