Hello everyone,

It's October! Even in a digital space we gonna get spooky. Please enjoy the newest issue of the LBGTQ+ monthly newsletter and attend some of the events going on as ways we can build LBGTQ+ community in a distant age.

Additionally, don't forget to see our full list of programming and latest events on our website:

https://lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content

Sincerely, LBGTQ+ Services

National Coming Out Day

October 11th is National Coming Out day. First celebrated in the United States in 1988, the initial idea was on the most basic form of activism being coming out to family, friends and colleagues, and living life as openly LBGTQ+. 
Coming out is a deeply personal act, and there is a lot of privilege around who can (and cannot or do not want to) do it. Whether you're out quietly only to yourself or to the whole world, know that you are valid and there are people who accept you for you.

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/99711197693
Mondays: 1:30 - 3:30 PM EST
Tuesdays: 5:30-7:30 PM EST

///LBGTQ+ Services Signature Programming

QTPoC
Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130
Wednesday, October 14 Time TBD
Wednesday, October 28 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 be game themed. Each Friday will have a different theme and corresponding games will be played.
Check our social media pages or our website for more information: lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content

T-Time

*Zoom Link: Email lbgt@mit.edu for the zoom information.*
*Date & Time: Dates and times are being set for October, so please email us to be kept in the loop.*

T-Time is a space for anyone under the gender diverse umbrella as a space for people to hang out, chat, and build community.

This student centered group meets every other week. Interested in learning more?

Email: lbgt@mit.edu

///Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook: @rainbowloungemit
Twitter: @lbgtmit
Instagram: @rainbow_lounge_mit

///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October LBGTQ+ Book Recs.

Chulito by Charles Rice-Gonzalez
TAGS: Latinx, Gay Men, Coming Out, NYC

Carlos comes home from college and shares a secret kiss with Chulito, Chulito's worlds collide as his ideas of being a young man, being macho, and being in love are challenged.

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas
TAGS: Trans Men, Latinx, Fantasy
A trans boy determined to prove his gender to his traditional Latinx family summons a ghost who refuses to leave.

///@MIT FOR ALL

MIT Medical Update

MIT Medical has updated their website with specific information for LBGTQ and trans patients. You can find more information here:
medical.mit.edu/services/transgender-health and medical.mit.edu/services/lgbtq-health

Warrior Women Film and Q&A

Zoom Link: RSVP for link at tinyurl.com/warriorwomenRSVP
Thursday, October 8
6 - 7 PM EST

Warrior Women is the story of Madonna Thunder Hawk, one of the organizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and her daughter Marcy.

Watch the film on your own time - the link will be sent to RSVPs. On October 8, join us for a Q&A with the director.

Jennifer Rose Denetdale: An Indigenous Feminist Queer Analysis of the Pandemic on the Navajo Nation

Zoom Link: RSVP for link at tinyurl.com/denetdale
Wednesday, October 21
5:00 - 6:30 PM EST

Taking an Indigenous feminist and queer lens, this presentation will offer an analysis on how the U.S. settler state requires the death of Indigenous peoples like the Diné in order to make its claims to sovereignty.
Tommy Orange #MITReads

Zoom Link: Look out for more info at libraries.mit.edu/mit-reads/
Tuesday, October 20
5PM ET

The MITReads book for Fall 2020 chosen in partnership with the Indigenous Peoples Advocacy Committee is Tommy Orange’s "There There." Read more and learn how to get the book.

Save the date for a MITReads event with more info to come!

Halloween Themed WFF

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/95443294045
Friday, October 30
7 - 9 PM EST

Look out for a Halloween-themed Web Fam Friday that will feature spooky, scary, fun themed programming.

Show up in costume, Halloween themed Zoom background, or profile picture! Check out lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

National Coming Out Day

Location: LBGTQ+ Services Social Media
Sunday, October 11
All Day

National Coming Out Day is October 11! Be on the lookout for a LBGTQ+ Services social media campaign celebrating different and diverse sets of coming out services.

Check out lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

Queerious Watch Party Rainbow Lounge Hangout

Zoom Link: mit.zoom.us/j/9971197693
Mondays, October 19 & 26
1:30-3:30 PM EST

Come hangout with fellow MIT community members watching the web series Queerious. Queerious follows a group of lesbian friends around LA as they navigate friendships, relationships and daily drama. Check out lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

Rev Cody Conversation

Zoom Link: Check lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more info

Wednesday, October 21
5 - 6 PM EST

Feeling overwhelmed, or in need of support? Join Reverend Cody (Special Advisor, LGBTQ+ Affairs) and one of the LBGTQ+ Graduate Assistants for a conversation about the pandemic and upheaval. No religious affiliation necessary. Check lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

Voter Registration

Location: Local Polling Station
Tuesday, November 3
Times Vary

The election is coming up on November 3. For information on how to vote in-person or by mail and register in your state check out mit.turbovote.org.

Dates and exact processes vary by state. Many deadlines to register or request a mail-in ballot are in October.

Latinx Heritage Month Celebration QTPOC

Location: mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130
Wednesday, October 14
Time TBD

Join the Latino Culture Center and QTPOC for a Latinx Heritage Month Celebration, come and enjoy LBGTQ+ Latinx culture appreciation. through history shows.
Everyone that signs on will get a small appreciation gift! Check lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

QTPOC Costume Party

Location: mit.zoom.us/j/6587064130
Wednesday, October 28
Time TBD

Come and dress up or have a fun Halloween background of your choice. Play some games and win some prizes.

Check lbgtq.mit.edu/digital-content for more information.

Trivia Rainbow Lounge Hangout

Location: mit.zoom.us/j/99711197693
Monday, October 5
1:30 - 3:30 PM EDT

Have you always wanted to be a Jeopardy contestant? Are you a walking encyclopedia? Do you miss playing trivia games with your friends? Come play trivia at the Rainbow Lounge hangout and share your knowledge with everyone.

Angela Davis Discussion

Location: TBD Keep your eye on OMP’s social media
Wednesday, October 21
1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT

The departments of Biological Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Materials Science and Engineering are proud to announce a live moderated discussion and Q&A on allyship, anti-racism, and social activism with famous activist and scholar Dr. Angela Davis. Open to all of MIT.
//@MIT FOR GRADS

qtPhD Horror Movie

Zoom Link: Email for more info qtphds-admin@mit.edu
Friday, October 23
7 PM EST

Join qtPhDs for a virtual horror movie showing in October. The intended audience is for people with PhDs or grad students.

For more information email qtphds-admin@mit.edu.

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Dance for All Bodies

Zoom Link: Find specific info at danceforallbodies.org
Check the above link for various dates and times.

Dance for All Bodies (DfAB) is a non-profit that organizes dance classes designed for people with disabilities. They aim to make dance available and welcoming to all people.

They offer free accessible dance classes over Zoom with closed captions.

Telling Queer History - Out of the Closet and Into the Polls

Zoom Link: For more info RSVP at tinyurl.com/queerhistory1011
Sunday, October 11
3 - 5 PM EST

Join Telling Queer History and the Tretter Collection to hear from featured storytellers about their coming out experiences, share your stories, and ask questions. ASL interpretation and live captioning provided.
Watch Party: Lesbian Shorts by Shu Lea Cheang

Zoom Link: For more info RSVP at tinyurl.com/shuleacheang
Wednesday, October 14
4:00 - 5:30 PM EST

Shu Lea Cheang's work from the early-to-mid 1990s demonstrated an exciting fusion of identity politics and erotic exploration, making her one of the period's most prominent queer media artists. Come watch some of her most notable work! Sliding scale donations accepted.

The network La Red volunteering

Zoom Link: Fill out tnlr.org/en/volunteer-application then email volunteer@tnlr.org
Wednesday, October 7
6:30 PM EST

The Network La Red a survivor-led, LGBT organization dedicated to ending partner abuse is looking for volunteers. Check their website for more information about different committees and direct service opportunities. Fill out the application for more info.

Moving for a Movement - BAGLY Virtual 5K

Zoom Link: For more info register at bagly.org/move
Sunday, October 25
9 AM EST

Moving for a Movement is hosting a virtual 5K to support the Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Queer Youth. The $25 registration fee will go directly to BAGLY to support their LGBTQ+ youth leadership development programs.

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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