LBGTQ+ History Month was created in 1994 by Rodney Wilson, a high school history teacher in Missouri. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LBGTQ+ History Month within a list of commemorative months. October was selected to coincide with National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11), which was already established, and the anniversary of the first march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights in 1979.

This month provides an opportunity for the campus community to learn more about and celebrate the history, culture and contributions of the LBGTQ+ community through a host of educational events, social events and discussions happening at LBGTQ+ Services and in the Boston/Cambridge area.
MEET THE TEAM

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MEET THE TEAM
This past month TransMIT had its first meeting. They are a student group for trans, nonbinary, and gender questioning students. If you are interested in joining this new group please email TransMit-Exec@Mit.edu.
MONTH LBGTQ+ BOOK RECS.

YOUNG Queer America: Real Stories and Faces of LGBTQ+ Youth

TAGS: Queer, Trans, Teens, biographic, Non-Binary

Photographer and activist Maxwell Poth traveled all over the US, finding LGBTQ+ youth to share their stories for Project Contrast, a nonprofit that amplifies these voices and connects kids and families with the resources they need to survive and thrive. This book collects the stories and portraits of seventy-three queer kids and teenagers from fifteen different states. In their own words, these young people share the challenges they’ve faced coming out or coming to terms with their own identities.

Transgender Warriors

TAGS: History. Trans, Trans History, Transgender History

In this 1996 autobiography, Leslie Feinberg details the history of people who have crossed sex and gender boundaries in various places from ancient times to present day. It was one of the first books to articulate a trans-historical understanding of transgender identity and argue for the inclusion of gender nonconforming people throughout history.
Join MIT LBGTQ+ Services in celebrating authenticity, unity, and love on National Coming Out Day! Enjoy an afternoon filled with mouthwatering food from local food trucks, playful games, and a welcoming community that embraces and supports you just the way you are.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** MIT Open Space  
**Date:** Wed, October 11th  
**Time:** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

This workshop is for participants interested in exploring and navigating the complex power dynamics that arise within familial and romantic relationships.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 11th  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
**RSVP:** [tinyurl.com/SpeakTruthtoPower2023](http://tinyurl.com/SpeakTruthtoPower2023)

Stop by the Rainbow Lounge and play some games from mario kart on the Wii to board games we have in the Rainbow Lounge. Be in community and enjoy some fun!

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250  
**Date:** Monday, October 23rd  
**Time:** 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Join us for an educational workshop on understanding the difference between cultural appreciation vs appropriation.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Thursday, October 26th  
**Time:** 4:30-5:30pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Coming out can be a rollercoaster filled with emotions. Join us for a conversation on coming out as we share stories and tips with one another.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Monday, October 30th  
**Time:** 12:00-1:00pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250

Spooky crafts and a movie! Join us as we paint (fake) Pumpkins and eat candy.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 31st  
**Time:** 4:00-5:00pm  
**Location:** Rainbow Lounge 50-250
Join Women and Gender Services (WXGS) and MIT Recreation in a FREE group exercise class for all women and nonbinary students! The class will be hosted by Nichell Latimore (she/hers), a full-time certified MIT personal trainer. Take a study break and enjoy a fun group exercise class with friend.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wed, Oct 4th
Time: 12 - 1 pm
Location: Dupont Varsity Weight Room
Free Registration: [https://tinyurl.com/5n96n89s](https://tinyurl.com/5n96n89s)

CENTERING THE MARGINS: FIGHT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND BODY SOVEREIGNTY

With panelists Payal Kumar, Dr. Amutah-Onukagha, Rachel Lorenzo of Indigenous Women Rising, and Dr. Rebekah Viloria - Please join us for a panel that will analyze our current political state, the work advocates and researchers have done and the future for justice movements in the fight for reproductive justice.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Wed, Oct 18th
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Cheney Room 3-308

SEX DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SCARY: SPOOKY SEX TRIVIA

Join Women and Gender Services (WXGS) for Spooky Sex Trivia, open to all women and gender-diverse students!!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?
Date: Friday, Oct 20th
Time: 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Cheney Room (3-308)
**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**BRINGING CLASSICAL MUSIC INTO THE MODERN AGE PART 1**

Date: Wed, Oct 25th  
Time: 12 - 1:00  
Location: Cheney Room 3 - 308  
Free Lunch  

WXGS is partnering with H+H to give 40 free tickets to Handle + Hayden Society’s **Luks Leads Beethoven on Friday, October 27th, 7:30pm**This link opens in a new window

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

Date: Friday Oct 27th  
Time: 6:45 pm  
Location: Symphony Hall  
Ticket sign-up form: forms.gle/ixjLost6KmzdS9B1AThis link opens in a new window

**MC^2 CONFERENCE**

Hosted by Intercultural Engagement, the mission of the Multicultural Conference (MC^2) is to bring students together across race, ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality, socioeconomic status, ability, sexual orientation, and other aspects of identity.

REGISTER TODAY:  
https://forms.gle/MD1XAFzbyfATdMQd7

Join WXGS, Handel + Haydn Society’s Susanna Ogata, and MIT MTA’s Dr. Teresa Neff as we delve into women’s history and the impact in classical music.
Meet other queer and ally community members while checking out a gallery show featuring work by queer digital artist prettycoolstrangers (Matt, he/they) in their first offline art exhibition.

**QUEER ART SOCIAL IN CHINATOWN WITH THE QUEER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Join us for an exhilarating day of powerlifting, community building, and fundraising at SCARY STRONG - A Queer Powerlifting Workshop and Fundraiser! Get ready to unleash your inner strength and embrace your queerness.**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Monday, October 16th  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Blue Triangle Gallery  
[ tinyurl.com/454ztedx ]

**SCARY STRONG - A QUEER POWERLIFTING WORKSHOP AND FUNDRAISER**

**Embodying Abolition: Healing Justice, Black Feminism and the End of Carcerality,** Dr. Wright will discuss a portion of their research for the project that investigated how Black queer and trans healing justice facilitators in Minneapolis “held space” to care for Black people, to address generational traumas, and to strategize pathways to radical social change.

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?**

**Date:** Wed, October 25th  
**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Renaissance Park  
[ tinyurl.com/4ezz4u9t ]

**HOLDING SPACE TO HEAL: BLACK QUEER AND TRANS CARE PRACTICES FOR A NEW WORLD**
Join John Hancock, Out in Tech Boston, and Out in Tech’s over-40 chapter for a social and a talk with Joan Ilacqua, the Executive Director of The History Project as we delve into the stories of LGBTQ+ people who brought their authentic selves to the tech world in Boston.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS?

Date: Wed, Oct 18th
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: 200 Berkeley Street Boston
[tinyurl.com/ykpndjdx]
ACRONYMS IN OUR NEWSLETTERS

There’s a lot of acronyms at MIT and we use a lot of them for character length in our newsletter. However, you might not be familiar with every one. Our of our readers had a great suggestion of including a key at the end of the newsletter and here it is so folks can know what everything means.

If you have any suggestions for our newsletter then don’t hesitate to reach out at: lbgt@mit.edu.

- **LBGTQ+** - Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer Plus
- **BWA**: Black Women’s Alliance
- **SSAW**: Student Support and Wellbeing
- **ORSEL**: Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life
- **QTPhD**: Queer and Trans PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- **QTPoC**: Queer and Trans People of Color
- **VPR**: Violence Prevention & Response
- **SAAM**: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- **WXGS**: Women and Gender Services
- **WGS**: Women and Gender Studies
- **I.E.**: Intercultural Engagement
- **SPXCE**: Social Justice Programming & Cross Cultural Engagement
- **RL**: Rainbow Lounge
- **WXGS**: Women and Gender Services
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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