

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
August 28, 2009

Welcome Back Students!

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, visit our website at <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall> or call us at (413) 545-4824]

1. Stonewall Center Open House – 9/10, 5-7 p.m., Stonewall Center
2. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing – 9/17, noon-3:30, 101 UMass Campus Center
3. LGBTQA Welcome Back Dance – 9/19, 9pm-1am, UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby
4. Speakers Bureau Fall Training – 9/24, 6-9:30 p.m., Stonewall Center

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Amherst College Rainbow Room Open House – 8/31, 4-5:30 p.m., Rainbow Room
6. Out for Reel Film Premiere: And Then Came Lola – 9/12, 7:30 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton
7. Volunteers Sought to Be Counselor/Advocates at the UMass Everywoman's Center
8. Registration Is Now Open for the Translating Identity Conference, Burlington, VT

STONEWALL CENTER

Come check out The Stonewall Center! We have great resources, a free lending library, and many other reasons to stop by. We are located at 256 Sunset Avenue, in Crampton Residence Hall on the UMass Amherst Campus. We are open M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. all year long.

1. The UMass Stonewall Center cordially invites you to an open house
Thursday, Sept. 10, 5-7 p.m.
Stonewall Center
Crampton Hall, 256 Sunset Avenue, Amherst

Kick off the school year by visiting the center and meeting new and returning LGBTQ people and allies. The event is open to all LGBTQ people and allies in the Five-Colleges and local community. We hope you will drop by. Vegetarian dinner provided.

2. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing
Thursday, Sept. 17, noon-3:30
101 UMass Campus Center
No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Tests conducted by Tapestry Health. Sponsored by

the Stonewall Center.

3. LGBTQ and Allies Welcome Back Dance

Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby

Open to all students. Tunes by DJ Milo Dee. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

4. Speakers Bureau Fall Training

Want to educate others about LGBT issues? The Stonewall Center is looking for LGBT people and allies to join our Speakers Bureau to share their experiences with college and high schools classes and community groups.

To be a member, you must attend a training. The next training will be Thursday, Sept. 24, from 6-9:30 p.m. at the Stonewall Center. Vegetarian dinner provided.

If you are interested in joining the Stonewall Center's Speakers Bureau, please contact Jo, the Speakers Bureau Coordinator: swcspeak@stuaf.umass.edu or (413) 545-4824. To learn more about the Speakers Bureau, visit: <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/sb>

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5. Amherst College Rainbow Room Open House

Monday, Aug. 31, 4-5:30 p.m.

Rainbow Room (basement of Morrow Dormitory), Amherst College

Open to all students. For more information, contact Pamela:

plstawasz@amherst.edu.

6. Out for Reel's New Season Kick Off Extravaganza

Film Premiere: And Then Came Lola

Saturday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton

Entertaining and clever, this lesbian romantic comedy will keep you on the edge of your seat guessing the outcome. And the steamy love scenes and laugh out loud couple's therapy sessions steal the show.

Catered After Party

9:30-Midnight

Northampton Center for the Arts Ballroom

Hot music, huge dance floor, cash bars, and over 300 partygoers.

Tickets available at Pride & Joy, Northampton; Food For Thought Books, Amherst; Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley; World Eye Bookshop, Greenfield. For more information: www.OutForReel.org.

7. Volunteers Sought to Be Counselor/Advocates at the UMass Everywoman's Center

The Rape Crisis Services Program at the Everywoman's Center provides free, confidential support to people of all genders who have experienced sexual assault, child sexual abuse, relationship violence, emotional abuse, stalking or sexual harassment. We rely heavily on volunteers to staff our 24-hour hotline and provide medical and police advocacy--and we need your help!

We offer an intensive 65-hour training to provide volunteers with the skills needed to support survivors of trauma. In this training, you will learn communication and crisis intervention skills that will last a lifetime and be useful in any profession. Our volunteers become certified Rape Crisis Counselors in the state of Massachusetts and are asked for a one-year commitment staffing the hotline and providing advocacy. The training begins in mid-September, so the time to apply is now.

Most people find our volunteer program (including the training) to be an incredibly rich and rewarding experience, both personally and professionally. Many of our volunteers are students, and most Five-College students can receive up to 3 credits per semester for participating. However, we welcome and encourage community members of all ages and experiences to join us, and we are committed to providing enrichment opportunities for all of our volunteers.

People of all genders, sexual orientations, races, religions, abilities, ages and income levels are encouraged to apply. For more information, call Jennifer at (413) 545-5839 or visit us online at www.umass.edu/ewc.

8. Online Registration Is Now Open for the Translating Identity Conference

The Translating Identity Conference is an annual free conference at the University of Vermont in Burlington that focuses on transgender communities and gender identities. Open to the public, this event includes sessions and workshops both for trans-identified people and for transgender allies.

The conference this year is being held on Saturday, October 24. Space is limited. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.uvm.edu/~tic>.