

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
September 6, 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, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby
4. Speakers Bureau Fall Training – 9/24, 6-9:30 p.m., Stonewall Center
5. Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College Athletes – 9/28-10/9, UMass Student Union Art Gallery

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Out for Reel Film Premiere: And Then Came Lola – 9/12, 7:30 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton
7. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting: Workshop on "Gender Self-Esteem: Loving Non-Conformity for All Bodies and Identities" – 9/13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
8. Amherst College Pride Alliance Movie Night: Milk – 9/15, 8 p.m., Rainbow Room, Amherst College
9. "Poems from the Women's Movement" – 9/16, 7:30 p.m., Converse Hall, Amherst College
10. Sherry Wolf, Sexuality and Socialism – 9/17, 7 p.m., Bowker Auditorium, UMass
11. LGBT Afternoon Dance Party – 9/20, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton
12. 2010 Pride Parade and Rally Kick-Off Meeting – 9/23, 6 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Northampton
13. Northampton Gay Men's Social Hour – 9/25, 6-9 p.m., Hotel Northampton
14. QPOCALYPSE (a group of queer and transgender people of color) Social Mixer – 9/25, 6-9 p.m., Northampton Brewery
15. 70/80's Retro Dance – 9/26, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Clarion Pavilion, Northampton
16. Volunteers Sought to Be Counselor/Advocates at the UMass Everywoman's Center
17. Registration Is Now Open for the Translating Identity Conference, Burlington, VT
18. Men Wanted for Performance Troupe to Promote Healthy Masculinities

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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](mailto: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. Fearless: A Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College Athletes by Jeff Sheng

Monday, Sept. 28 – Friday, Oct. 9  
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Gallery hours: M-Th 10-5, F 10-3. Free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Student Union Art Gallery

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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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.

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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](http://www.OutForReel.org).

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### 7. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting Sunday, Sept. 13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

The meeting will consist of a special workshop by writer and performance artist Scott Turner Schofield: "Gender Self-Esteem: Loving Non-Conformity for All Bodies and Identities"

This free workshop is for transgender individuals of any identity or experience. Participants will identify their positive traits as they relate to their lives as gender non-conforming or transgender people. They will link these traits to the places in their lives where their strength is most needed, and create a plan for linking their truths to their individual powers in an everyday context. Role-playing and vision-setting activities will be included. Participants will leave with a plan of action for one aspect of their lives that they would like to improve. Bring a journal or notepad and pen.

For the location and for more information, contact Bet: 413-584-7616 or [betpower@yahoo.com](mailto:betpower@yahoo.com).

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### 8. Amherst College Pride Alliance Movie Night: Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 8-10 p.m.  
Rainbow Room (basement of Morrow Dormitory), Amherst College  
Free and open to all students.

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9. "Poems from the Women's Movement"  
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Cole Assembly Room in Converse Hall, Amherst College

Honor Moore, the editor of the book "Poems from the Women's Movement," will be reading work from the anthology, along with poet Joan Larkin and students from the Five Colleges.

Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. The reading will be followed by a reception and book-signing. For more information: Ellen Miller-Mack, 413-586-0591.

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10. Sherry Wolf will be speaking about her new book, "Sexuality and Socialism: History, Politics, and Theory of LGBT Liberation" on September 17 at 7 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium (Stockbridge Hall) at UMass Amherst. For more information: [www.haymarketbooks.org](http://www.haymarketbooks.org).

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11. LGBT Afternoon Dance Party  
Sunday, Sept. 20, 3-7 p.m.  
Union Station, 125 Pleasant St., Northampton

\$8/person, \$5 students with ID (18+). Come out to mark Pride Promotions' one-year anniversary tea dance! Spectacular prizes will be given out to celebrate.

For more information: [www.nohopridepromos.com](http://www.nohopridepromos.com)

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12. 2010 Pride Parade and Rally Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.  
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton

Noho Pride is a non-profit business that is run solely by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and planning committee members. Your ideas, skills and energy are needed! For more information: [www.NohoPride.org](http://www.NohoPride.org).

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13. Northampton Gay Men's Social Hour  
Friday, Sept. 25, 6-9 p.m.  
Hotel Northampton, 36 King St., Northampton

Come celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Northampton Gay Men's Social.  
For more information: [www.monoho.com](http://www.monoho.com)

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14. QPOCALYPSE Social Mixer  
Friday, Sept. 25, 6-9 p.m.  
Northampton Brewery, 11 Brewster Ct, Northampton

Celebrate the beginning of Fall by joining us at this social mixer. QPOCALYPSE is hosting this event as a chance to meet new people in the Valley and reconnect with friends. We will be hanging outside on the uppermost deck at Northampton Brewery and you can find us by looking for a bunch of balloons. In the case of increment weather, we will be in the downstairs bar area. This is an open event, queer and trans people of color are encouraged to bring friends and allies.

QPOCALYPSE is a group of queer and transgender people of color that honor our multi-layered intersectionalities, which allow us to bring and celebrate our whole selves into spaces without ranking our identities. We do this through a self-determination model of organizing and by holding closed meetings for QPOC and open community events.

For questions or more information, please contact us at [qpocalypse@gmail.com](mailto:qpocalypse@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook under the name QPOCALYPSE.15.

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15. 70/80's Retro Dance  
Saturday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.  
The Clarion Pavilion, 1 Atwood Drive, Northampton

Dance under the big tent and the stars! Retro attire encouraged. Great prizes. Music by DJ Studebaker Hawk.

\$10/advance \$15/door (18+). Tickets on sale at the Pride Promotions website ([www.nohopridepromos.com](http://www.nohopridepromos.com)) or at Pride & Joy, Northampton. Sponsored by Pride Promotions.

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16. 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](http://www.umass.edu/ewc).

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#### 17. 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>.

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#### 18. Men Wanted for Performance Troupe to Promote Healthy Masculinities

"We are writing to let you know about an exciting project of the Center for Health Promotion (formerly the Health Education Department) at University Health Services at UMass which started in the Spring semester of 2009. We have created a

performance troupe called "Phallacies" which is a group of men who have come together with the purpose of promoting masculinities that are healthy for individuals, families, and communities. Phallacies is actually much more than a performance; it is an ongoing process of dialogue, writing, and performance

As you know, traditional notions of masculinity can funnel men into having insufficient knowledge or health, to take great risks with their health, and to engage in violent and abusive behaviors. We know there are plenty of me who are challenging this way of being masculine, and we want to support them to get their voices out into the public sphere. Our intention is to create a space where we can all feel safe and encouraged to continue to explore and express healthy masculinities and to find creative ways to take action.

Our specific interest is in continuing to assemble a multicultural group of predominately undergraduate men to create a pro-feminist, gay-affirmative, anti-racist, male-positive theater production. Their involvement will entail personal work - understanding masculinities and ourselves as men - and exploring masculinities and the impact on interpersonal relationships and communities. This will involve weekly meetings (3 hours on Tuesday evenings starting September 8) and a one day retreat at some point in the semester. We will be

writing, talking, planning a production, and if one chooses, performing. Men can engage as a volunteer or can do this for up to three academic credits.

We are writing to ask that if you know of men who you feel would be interested and appropriate for this project, please forward this email to them, or to other colleagues who may know men who would be interested. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us."

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