

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
September 19, 2009

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. LGBTQA Welcome Back Dance–TONIGHT (9/19)–9 p.m.-1 a.m., UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby
2. Speakers Bureau Fall Training–9/24, 6-9:30 p.m., Stonewall Center
3. Writing Workshop with Queer Performance Artist Peggy Shaw–9/25, 1:30-3:30, UMass Campus Center
4. Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College Athletes by Jeff Sheng–9/28-10/9, UMass Student Union Art Gallery
5. Jeff Sheng's Artist Talk–10/1, 7:30, UMass Student Union Art Gallery
6. What Does It Mean to Be LGBT and an Athlete? A Panel Discussion of Five-College LGBT Athletes–10/6, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Art Gallery
7. Film Screening: Training Rules: A Film about Anti-Lesbian Bias in Women's Basketball–10/8, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Art Gallery

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. LGBT Afternoon Dance Party–9/20, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton
9. 2010 Pride Parade and Rally Kick-Off Meeting–9/23, 6 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Northampton
10. Northampton Gay Men's Social Hour–9/25, 6-9 p.m., Hotel Northampton
11. QPOCALYPSE (a group of queer & transgender people of color) Social Mixer–9/25, 6-9 p.m., Northampton Brewery
12. 70/80's Retro Dance–9/26, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Clarion Pavilion, Northampton
13. Transgender Support Group Meeting in Brattleboro, VT–9/27, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
14. Thea Hillman, "Intersex on the Brain"–9/28, 7:30 p.m., Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College
15. " 'Ain't I A Woman?' Reflections on Feminism and Identity Politics"–9/30, 4 p.m., 61 Bartlett Hall, UMass
16. Film: Who Does She Think She Is?–9/30, 7 p.m., UMass Augusta Savage Gallery
17. Leska Newman Reads from The Reluctant Daughter–9/30, 7 p.m., Broadside Bookshop, Northampton
18. UMass UPride (LGBT faculty and staff group) Welcome Reception–10/1, 5-7 p.m., UMass Campus Center
19. New England Transgender United Pride March and Rally–10/3, Northampton
20. Bus Available for the National Equality March on 10/11 in Washington, D.C.

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. 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.

2. 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>

3. A Writing Workshop with Queer Performance Artist Peggy Shaw
Friday, Sept. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
UMass Campus Center 174-176

Peggy Shaw, a co-founder of the lesbian performance troupe Split Britches, will be offering a free writing workshop for UMass undergraduate and graduate students. No prior performance or acting experience necessary. This is an excellent opportunity to explore creativity while working with a well-known and accomplished performance artist in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

To register, e-mail Mitch at wostudies@yahoo.com. Space is limited to twenty-five participants.

Sponsored by Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Stonewall Center, UMass Writing Program, English Department, German Department, and Edinburgh Festival Course.

4. "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

5. Jeff Sheng's artist talk as part of his exhibit "Fearless"

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union
Reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

6. What Does It Mean to Be LGBT and an Athlete? A Panel Discussion of Five-College LGBT Athletes

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Moderated by Pat Griffin, Director, It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for LGBT Issues in Sport, and Robin Harris, Coordinator, UMass Athletic Health Enhancement Program. Free and open to the public.

7. Free Film Screening: Training Rules
A film about anti-lesbian bias in women's basketball

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Discussion to follow led by Pat Griffin, Director, It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for LGBT Issues in Sport. Free and open to the public.

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8. 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

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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 or find us on Facebook under the name QPOCALYPSE.

12. 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) or at Pride & Joy, Northampton. Sponsored by Pride Promotions.

13. Transgender Support Group Meeting in Brattleboro, VT
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Open to anyone whose identity or expression does not fit neatly into the gender binary, including transpeople of all genders and sexual

orientations: transgender, transsexual, FTM, MTF, non-op, pre-op, post-op, cross-dresser, bi-gendered, genderqueer, genderfluid, questioning. Confidentiality guaranteed.

For more information and for the location, contact Oshee:

oshee@gdess.net.

14. Thea Hillman, "Intersex on the Brain"
Monday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College

Author/performer Thea Hillman will perform excerpts from her book "Depending on the Light" that discusses what it means to be intersex, how various communities define or reject the term, and what it means to be an ally.

For more information, contact Karen: kjacobus@mtholyoke.edu

15. "'Ain't I A Woman?' Reflections on Feminism and Identity Politics"
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4 p.m.
61 Bartlett Hall, UMass

A panel discussion with Daphne Berry (UMass School of Management), Andy Inkster (UMass Sociology), Sarah Richardson (UMass WGSS), and Falguni Sheth (Hampshire College Social Sciences). Moderated by Dayo Gore (UMass WGSS).

Part of Feminist Foundations/Feminist Futures: Reflecting on 35 Years of Women's Studies at UMass Amherst. Sponsored by the Women, Gender Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

16. Film: Who Does She Think She Is?
A documentary about the challenges, rewards and struggles of women artists
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
Augusta Savage Gallery in New Africa House, University of Massachusetts

>From Pamela Tanner Bonner and Nancy C. Kennedy, the producing team that won an academy award for Born into Brothels, comes a film that examines some of the most pressing issues of our time: parenting and work, partnering and independence, economics and art.

Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Everywoman's Center and the Women of Color Leadership Network. For more information: 413-545-0883 or www.umass.edu/ewc.

17. Leska Newman Reads from Her New Novel, The Reluctant Daughter
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
Broadside Bookshop, 247 Main Street, Northampton

Poignant, absorbing, often funny, *The Reluctant Daughter* is the story of an accomplished lesbian scholar and her fraught relationship with her mother. Lydia's efforts to be truly seen and acknowledged by her mother, and her feelings at the prospect of losing her, will resonate with daughters everywhere.

For more information: 413-586-4235 or www.broadsidebooks.com.

18. UMass UPride (LGBT faculty and staff group) Welcome Reception
Thursday, Oct. 1, 5-7 p.m.
Graduate Lounge Reading Room, UMass Campus Center (across from the Blue Wall)

Please join us for a reception to connect with old friends and welcome new LGBT faculty and staff to the campus. There will be pizza bites and a cash bar.

You can sign up for the UPride Yahoo Group at
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/umassfspride>.

19. New England Trans United Pride March and Rally
October 3, Northampton

The march will step off at noon from Lampron Park/Bridge Street School (2 Parsons Street) in Northampton and proceed down Main Street to a rally downtown from 1-5 p.m. at the Armory Street lot behind Thornes Marketplace. The rally is free, open to the public, and will feature a range of political speakers, transgender activists, and performers.

For more information: www.newenglandtransunited.org.

20. Bus Available for the National Equality March on 10/11 in
Washington, D.C.

Join people throughout Western Massachusetts and the nation to demand LGBT equality. For more information or to register for the bus:
www.equalitywmass.blogspot.com or 617-851-5354.

To submit a listing to Queer-e, e-mail it exactly how you would like it to appear to stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu with the words, "For Queer-e," in the subject line. To subscribe to Queer-e, write "subscribe" in the subject line.

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