

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
September 25, 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. Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College Athletes by Jeff Sheng–9/28-10/9, UMass Student Union Art Gallery
2. Jeff Sheng's Artist Talk–10/1, 7:30, UMass Student Union Art Gallery
3. 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
4. Film Screening: Training Rules: A Film about Anti-Lesbian Bias in Women's Basketball–10/8, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Art Gallery
5. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing–10/14, noon-3:30, 101 UMass Campus Center

#### LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 70/80's Retro Dance–9/26, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Clarion Pavilion, Northampton
7. Transgender Support Group Meeting in Brattleboro, VT–9/27, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
8. Thea Hillman, "Intersex on the Brain"–9/28, 7:30 p.m., Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College
9. " 'Ain't I A Woman?' Reflections on Feminism and Identity Politics"–9/30, 4 p.m., 61 Bartlett Hall, UMass
10. Film: Who Does She Think She Is?–9/30, 7 p.m., UMass Augusta Savage Gallery
11. Leska Newman Reads from The Reluctant Daughter–9/30, 7 p.m., Broadside Bookshop, Northampton
12. UMass UPride (LGBT faculty and staff group) Welcome Reception–10/1, 5-7 p.m., UMass Campus Center
13. New England Transgender United Pride March and Rally–10/3, Northampton
14. LGBTQ Contradance–10/3, Montague Grange #141, 34 Main Street, Montague
15. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting: "Trans Men and Our Careers"–10/11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
16. Noho Pride Fundraiser: Children's Musician Laura Doherty–10/15, 4 p.m., Florence Civic Center
17. QPOCALYPSE (a group of queer and transgender people of color) Game Night–10/16, 7 p.m., Northampton
18. LGBT International Film Fest–10/17, 7:30 p.m., Northampton High School
19. Bus Available for the National Equality March on 10/11 in Washington, D.C.

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#### STONEWALL CENTER

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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. "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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2. 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.

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3. 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.

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4. 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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5. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing  
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 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.

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LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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6. 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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7. 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@gdss.net](mailto:oshee@gdss.net).

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8. 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](mailto:kjacobus@mtholyoke.edu)

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9. "'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)

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

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11. 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](http://www.broadsidebooks.com).

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12. 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>.

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13. New England Trans United Pride March and Rally  
Saturday, Oct. 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](http://www.newenglandtransunited.org).

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14. LGBTQ Contradance  
Saturday, Oct. 3  
Montague Grange #141, 34 Main Street, Montague

Our season-opening dance, featuring fine calling by Sue Rosen, with music by Bruce Rosen and Shirley White.

4-5:30 p.m.- Experienced Contra Session (\$5)

6-7 p.m.- Supper, featuring turkey pot pie, spanikopita & salad (\$5)

7-10 p.m.- All-level Contra Dance (\$10-\$7) \$5 with student ID

For more information: [www.lcfid.org/westma](http://www.lcfid.org/westma)

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15. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting

Meeting topic: "Trans Men and Our Careers"

Sunday, Oct. 11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Note: This particular meeting is for FTMs only, meaning the full spectrum of masculine-identified, female-born persons in the transgender and gender non-conforming community. How do you integrate your masculine gender identity/expression into your work life? Do you feel that you fit in or not? What challenges do you face in your career and what are some possible solutions?

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

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16. Noho Pride Fundraiser: Children's Musician Laura Doherty

Thursday, October 15, 4 p.m.

Florence Civic Center, corner of Park and North Main Streets

Tickets available at the Cup and Top Cafe, 1 North Main St., Florence

Advance: \$5 each or \$15 family, no charge for infants

At the door: \$7 each or \$21 family

This is the first in a series of singer/songwriters, spoken word, and children's entertainment fundraising events sponsored by Noho Pride and the Cup and Top Cafe.

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17. QPOCALYPSE! Game Night

Friday, Oct. 16, 7-10 p.m.

Muneer Panjwani's home: 2 Conz Street, Apt. 26, Northampton

Join us for an evening of food, socializing and good times as QPOCALYSPE host a game night! We will provide a variety of board and card games so come ready to play! While we will provide a few light refreshments, please feel free to bring a food item or beverage to share. This is an open event, queer and trans people of color are encouraged to bring friends and allies. NOTE: RSVP is required for this event at [qpoCALYPSE@gmail.com](mailto:qpoCALYPSE@gmail.com) so we know how many people to expect to prepare for food and seating!

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.

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18. LGBT International Film Fest  
Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Northampton High School Theater/Auditorium, 380 Elm Street

Eight short films - one big night! There is something for everyone: romance, comedy, coming out, dancing, and fantasy. A variety of amazing films about lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, youth, and transgender folks from around the world.

Tickets: \$11.50 advance /\$13 door, \$9 for college students w/id, \$7 high school students, available door only or advance group purchase

Advance tickets available at Pride & Joy, Northampton; Food For Thought Books, Amherst; World Eye Bookshop, Greenfield; and The Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley

Sponsored by Out! For Reel. For more information and to purchase tickets online: [www.OutForReel.org](http://www.OutForReel.org).

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19. 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](http://www.equalitywmass.blogspot.com) or 617-851-5354.