

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
October 9, 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. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing – 10/14, noon-3:30, 101 UMass Campus Center
2. Lee Badgett, "When Gay People Get Married: What Happens When Societies Legalize Same-Sex Marriage" – 10/29, 7 p.m., Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley

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3. "Out in the Berkshires" Weekend – 10/10-10/12, Pittsfield, MA
4. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting: "Trans Men and Our Careers" – 10/11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
5. "What's Love Got to Do with It?": Reflections on Feminism, Desire and Sexuality" – 10/14, 4 p.m., 61 Bartlett Hall, UMass
6. Noho Pride Fundraiser: Children's Musician Laura Doherty – 10/15, 4 p.m., Florence Civic Center
7. Women of Color Leadership Network's Body Politics – 10/15, 7 p.m., Campus Center Friedman Room, Amherst College
8. QPOCALYPSE (a group of queer and transgender people of color) Game Night – 10/16, 7 p.m., Northampton
9. LGBT International Film Fest – 10/17, 7:30 p.m., Northampton High School
10. Afternoon Tea Dance – 10/18, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton
11. Women and Cancer in Our Communities: How to Save Your Own Life – 10/20, 4 p.m., 905 UMass Campus Center
12. Halloween Bash: An LGBT Costume Dance Party – 10/30, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Union Station, Northampton
13. Trans and LGBTQ Youth Groups Meeting in Northampton and Greenfield

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14. Consultant, Girls Incorporated of Holyoke's LGBTQ Youth Group

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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. 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.

2. Lee Badgett will be reading from and discussing her new book, "When Gay People Get Married: What Happens When Societies Legalize Same-Sex Marriage" Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
Odyssey Bookshop, 9 College Street, South Hadley

Dr. Lee Badgett is Director of the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Research Director of the Williams Institute for Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy at UCLA.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. "Out in the Berkshires" Weekend – 10/10-10/12, Pittsfield, MA

--Boston Gay Men's Chorus
Saturday, Oct. 10, 3:30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Parish, 67 East Street, Pittsfield

--Quite Queer: A Concert and Dance Party
Saturday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.
The Elk's Club, 27 Union Street, Pittsfield
This an 18+ event with a full cash bar for 21+.

--The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later (an Epilogue)
Monday, October 12, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Barrington Stage Company, 30 Union Street, Pittsfield

For more information: outintheberkshires@gmail.com.

4. 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.

5. "What's Love Got to Do with It?: Reflections on Feminism, Desire and Sexuality"

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m.

61 Bartlett Hall, UMass Amherst

A panel discussion with Janice Irvine (UMass- Sociology), Viera Lorencová (Fitchburg State University - Communications), Amy Schalet (UMass - Sociology), Kym Morrison (UMass - Afro-American Studies), Tameka Gillum (UMass - Public Health), and Barbara Cruikshank (UMass – Political Science).

Part of Feminist Foundations/Feminist Futures: Reflecting on 35 Years of Women's Studies at UMass Amherst. Sponsored by Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies (WGSS). For more information: (413) 545-1922.

6. 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 Café.

7. Women of Color Leadership Network's Body Politics

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Campus Center Friedman Room, Amherst College

Body Politics is an original production by and about women of color. It explores issues such as self-esteem, politics, sexuality, skin color, relationships, and violence in the lives of women of color. Body Politics is a unique project which brings a diversity of women of color together to write, edit, learn, and perform. There will also be a performance at Mount Holyoke College on Oct. 22.

For more information: www.umass.edu/wocln or (413) 545-1671.

8. 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 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.

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

Ten 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, including South Korea, France, Switzerland, South Africa, and the United States.

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.

10. Afternoon Tea Dance
Sunday, Oct. 18, 3-7 p.m.
Union Station, 125A Pleasant Street, Northampton

Music by DJ Studebaker Hawk. \$8/\$5 students with ID (18+). Sponsored by Pride Promotions. For more information: www.nohopridepromos.com

11. Women and Cancer in Our Communities: How to Save Your Own Life
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m.
UMass Amherst Campus Center, Room 905

A panel discussion with Deborah Shields, J.D., M.P.H. (Executive Director of the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition); Wilmore Webley, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Microbiology at UMass Amherst); Betsy Garson Neisner, J.D. (Executive Director of the Cancer Connection); and Dr. Lindsey Rockwell (a medical oncologist and hematologist at Cooley Dickinson Hospital).

One in three women will develop cancer at some point in their lives, which means all of us will be touched by cancer either as a patient, as a friend, a partner, a parent or a child. Information, early detection, and primary prevention can be the key to saving the lives of people that we love and ourselves.

This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact the Everywoman's Center: (413) 545-0883.

12. Halloween Bash: An LGBT Costume Dance Party
Friday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Union Station, 125A Pleasant Street, Northampton

Costume prizes – most creative, funniest, scariest, best overall (costumes not required). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$10 for students with ID (18+), \$17 at the door. Tickets on sale at Pride & Joy in Northampton and online at www.nohopridepromos.com.

Sponsored by Pride Promotions. Part of the proceeds will benefit Noho Pride.

13. Trans and LGBTQ Youth Groups Meeting in Northampton and Greenfield

Generation Q: A social/support group for LGBTQ people 21 and younger
--Meets in Greenfield on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. and in Northampton on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Trans Education and Empowerment (TREE): A social/support group for trans-identified and gender non-conforming people 21 and younger
--Meets in Greenfield on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. and in Northampton on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Action Youth Programs:
www.communityaction.us/youth or (413) 475-1798

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

14. Consultant, Girls Incorporated of Holyoke's LGBTQ Youth Group

Girls Incorporated of Holyoke is seeking a consultant for its LGBTQ youth group. The Holyoke Youth Pride Empowerment (HYPE) Consultant will provide outreach, education, guidance, and assistance to LGBTQ youth and their allies 13-19 who participate in an informal group.

Interested parties should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references by October 16th to:

Sarah T. Dunton
Director of Youth Development Programs
Girls Incorporated of Holyoke
PO Box 6812
Holyoke, MA 01040

For more information: www.girlsinholyoke.org or (413) 533-0796 x 201

HOUSING

15. Queer Man Looking for a Room in Northampton

"I'm 24 year old queer guy looking for a room in Northampton at the end of October/early November. I would be interested in Florence, Hadley or Amherst as well, although Northampton is at the top of my list. I'm clean, respectful of common spaces and don't throw huge house parties, although I do enjoy the occasional get-together of friends. I have an indoor cat who will be coming with me. He's super sweet and well behaved. If you'd like to get in touch with me you can email me at jeoates@mac.com."

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.

We accept LGBT-related announcements for events that are free or that are fundraising events sponsored by non-profit organizations. As a public service, we offer housing listings, but otherwise do not include for-profit advertisements.