

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
February 18, 2011

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, join our Facebook page, visit [www.umass.edu/stonewall](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall), or call us at (413) 545-4826]

1. **Free Film Screening: *Orgasm Inc*, with Director Liz Canner -- 3/1, 3:30 p.m., 227 Herter Hall, UMass**
2. **Five-College LGBT Faculty and Staff Reception -- 3/24, 5-7 p.m., Amherst College Alumni House**
3. **Free Film Screening: *Transparent*, with Director Jules Roskam and Local FTM Parents -- 3/31, 7 p.m., Media Education Foundation Community Room, Northampton**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **Free Film Screening: *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* -- 2/18, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Fayerweather Hall, Amherst College**
5. **Gather the Lesbians, A Lesbian Tent Revival -- 2/19, Unitarian Society of Northampton**
6. **PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Meeting -- 2/24, 7-9 p.m., First Congregational Church, Ashfield**
7. **Free Film Screening: *Protection*, A Film about Men and Condoms in the Time of HIV and AIDS -- 2/24, 7 p.m., Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College**
8. **"Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered": A Spanish Student Writes about Smith in the 1920s -- 2/25, 12:15-1 p.m., 207 Seelye Hall, Smith College**
9. **Valley V-Day's 3rd Annual Community Production of "The Vagina Monologues" -- 2/25 & 2/26, 7 p.m., Northampton Center for the Arts**
10. **Bettina Aptheker, "W.E.B. DuBois: Personal Stories/Political Reflections" -- 2/28, 4.30 p.m., Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union, UMass**
11. **Staceyann Chin, "An Evening of Poetry with Staceyann Chin" -- 3/2, 7 p.m., Scanlon Banquet Hall, Westfield State University**
12. **Out! for Reel Film Series: *When Night Is Falling + Donkey Girl* -- 3/5, 7 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton**
13. **Alison Bechdel at Williams College -- 3/8, 4 and 8 p.m.**
14. **"Women's Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know" -- 3/12, 9:30-1, Wesley United Methodist Church, Hadley**
15. **Spring Support Groups at the UMass Center for Counseling and Psychological Health**
16. **LGBT Therapy Group Forming in Northampton**

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1. **Free Film Screening: *Orgasm Inc*, with Director Liz Canner  
Tuesday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.**

227 Herter Hall, UMass

The film is a powerful look inside the medical industry and the marketing campaigns that are literally and figuratively reshaping our everyday lives around health, illness, desire — and that ultimate moment: orgasm. A trailer can be viewed at [www.orgasminc.org](http://www.orgasminc.org)

Sponsored by the Center for Health Promotion of University Health Services, in conjunction with the Everywoman's Center and the Stonewall Center. For additional information, please contact the Center for Health Promotion: (413) 577-5181

Other Five-College Screenings of the Film:

Smith College: Monday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Carroll Room

Amherst College: Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., Keefe Campus Center Theater, Room 008

Hampshire College: Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m., Main Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson Hall

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### 2. [Five-College LGBT Faculty and Staff Reception](#)

Thursday, March 24, 5-7 p.m.

Amherst College Alumni House

(behind the Lord Jeffery Inn; map: <https://www.amherst.edu/map>)

Sponsors: the Five-Colleges, Inc.; the UMass Stonewall Center; UMass UPride - The LGBT Faculty and Staff Network; the Amherst College Rainbow Room; the Hampshire College Women's and Queer Services Office; and the Smith College Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender.

For more information: [stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu), (413) 545-4826

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### 3. [Free Film Screening: \*Transparent\*, with Director Jules Rosskam and Local FTM Parents](#)

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m.

Media Education Foundation Community Room

60 Masonic Street, Northampton (in the same building and behind Woodstar Café)

A documentary film about 19 female-to-male transsexuals living in the United States who have given birth and, in all but a few instances, have gone on to raise their biological children. The director Jules Rosskam and a panel of three local FTM parents—Justin (who is in the film), Ty, and Andy—will lead a discussion following the film.

Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts. For more information: [stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu), (413) 545-4826

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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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4. [Free Film Screening: \*Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin\*](#)

Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Pruyne Lecture Hall (Room 115), Fayerweather Hall, Amherst College

Refreshments provided

A master strategist and tireless activist, Bayard Rustin is best remembered as the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest nonviolent protests ever held in the United States. He brought Gandhi's protest techniques to the American civil rights movement, and helped mold Martin Luther King, Jr. into an international symbol of peace and nonviolence.

Despite these achievements, Rustin was silenced, threatened, arrested, beaten, imprisoned and fired from important leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay man in a fiercely homophobic era. Five years in the making and the winner of numerous awards, *Brother Outsider* presents a feature-length documentary portrait, focusing on Rustin's activism for peace, racial equality, economic justice and human rights.

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5. [Gather the Lesbians, A Lesbian Tent Revival](#)

Saturday, Feb. 19

Unitarian Society of Northampton, 220 Main St.

Dinner/Discussion: 5:30-6:15 p.m., Tent Revival: 7-9 p.m., Dessert: 9-10 p.m.

To build energy for the Tent Revival, Gather the Lesbians will begin with dinner and discussion. Limited tickets are available for a hearty vegetarian dinner catered by Alice Cozzolino of Cummington's Old Creamery. Diners can share the meal with friends or join a table focused on one of several discussion topics, including Talking Across the Generations, Planning Future Lesbian Gatherings, Coming Out Stories, Relationships, and more.

The service will feature two sermons: "The Seven Deadly Sins and How to Bring More of Them Into Your Life" and "The Real L-Words."

Dinner: \$10; Tent Revival: \$10. Tickets are available at [www.shopwesternmass.com/gather](http://www.shopwesternmass.com/gather) and Pride & Joy, 20 Crafts Ave., Northampton; Food for Thought Books, 106 N. Pleasant St., Amherst; and World Eye Bookshop, 156 Main St., Greenfield. Dinner tickets are limited. Wheelchair accessible.

For more information: 877-925-2999 or [gatherthelesbians@yahoo.com](mailto:gatherthelesbians@yahoo.com).

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6. [PFLAG \(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays\) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Meeting](#)

Thursday, Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m.

First Congregational Church, Main St., Ashfield, MA

PFLAG offers welcoming support, education, and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their families, friends, and allies. Helpline: (413) 625-6636 or [jcmalinski48@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalinski48@gmail.com)

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7. **Free Film Screening: *Protection*, A Film about Men and Condoms in the Time of HIV and AIDS**

Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

Main Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

A creative documentary filmed in South Africa, Kenya, and Sierra Leone to stir and support discussion among men and boys about sexual well-being and safety

Jill Lewis, executive producer and project coordinator for *Protection*, will introduce the film briefly, the challenges of the initiative, and be available for discussion afterward. For more information on the film: <http://www.protectionthefilm.com>

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8. **"Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered": A Spanish Student Writes about Smith in the 1920s**

Friday, Feb. 25, 12:15-1 p.m.

207 Seelye Hall, Smith College

An exploration of female homoeroticism at Smith and the Spanish Residencia de Señoritas in the 1920s through close readings of letters and archival sources.

Santiago López-Ríos, Profesor Titular of Spanish Literature at Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Research Associate at Smith College

Light lunch and beverages will be served.

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9. **Valley V-Day's 3rd Annual Community Production of "The Vagina Monologues"**

Friday, Feb. 25 & Saturday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. (doors open 6 p.m.)

Northampton Center for the Arts

This year's beneficiary is Denise Beaudet's "Roots to Resistance". Denise is painting 12 large scale portraits of women activists from around the world who are working to end violence against women and girls. She has also created a world-wide postcard campaign in which you can be involved in to spread the word. Learn more about this amazing project as well as the work of these women at the show.

The last two years have been sold out performances, so don't wait, get your tickets early. Available now at Broadside Books in Northampton, sliding scale \$15-\$50. For more information: [valleyvday@gmail.com](mailto:valleyvday@gmail.com).

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10. Bettina Aptheker, "W.E.B. DuBois: Personal Stories/Political Reflections"

Monday, Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.  
Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union, UMass

Bettina Aptheker is Distinguished Professor of Feminist Studies and History at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she has taught for more than 30 years. Her most recent book is a memoir, *Intimate Politics: How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech and Became a Feminist Rebel* (2006). She is also at work on a major research project: *Queering the History of the American Left: 1940s-1980s*.

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11. Staceyann Chin, "An Evening of Poetry with Staceyann Chin"

Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m.  
Scanlon Banquet Hall, Westfield State University

Staceyann Chin is a spoken word poet, performing artist, and LGBT rights political activist. She has performed in the Nuyorican Poets' Café, one-woman shows off-Broadway, Julie Taymor's *Across the Universe*, stage and film versions of Howard Zinn's *Voices of a People's History of the United States*, Tony-nominated Russell Simmons *Def Poetry Jam* on Broadway, and *60 Minutes*. Chin's candid memoir *The Other Side of Paradise* will be available for a book signing following her spoken word poetry performance.

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12. *When Night Is Falling + Donkey Girl*

Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m.  
Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton  
(Informal social hour: 6 - 7 pm)  
Tickets: \$11 Advance / Combo with Party \$17 / \$14 Door / \$9 Student (box office only)

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After Party! with DJ Jodi  
Saturday, March 5, 9 pm - 12:30 am  
Page's Loft Grand Ballroom, Clarion Hotel, Northampton  
Tickets: Combo Film & Party ticket \$17 (\$6 Party) / \$8 Just Party Advance (online only) / \$11 Door

Out! For Reel LGBT Film Series presents the uncensored version of the captivating lesbian love story, *When Night Is Falling*. Also being screened is the award-winning, charming short film on teenage girl friendship, *Donkey Girl*.

More info / buy tickets / watch trailer: [www.OutForReel.org](http://www.OutForReel.org)

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13. Alison Bechdel at Williams College

Tuesday, March 8, 4 p.m., Griffin 3

Roundtable Discussion: Alison Bechdel will discuss her work in an informal discussion with Howard Cruse, one of the most important underground gay comix artists of the '70s and early '80s.

Tuesday, March 8, 8 p.m., Brooks Rogers Auditorium

Guest Lecture: Alison Bechdel will give an open lecture on campus, followed by a Q and A with students, faculty, and staff.

Bechdel is the creator of the popular and nationally-syndicated comic strip *Dykes to Watch Out For* and is the award-winning and best-selling author of the graphic novel *Fun Home*. Both events are free and open to the public. For a campus map, see:

<http://www.williams.edu/map>

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14. "Women's Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know"

Saturday, March 12, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church, 98 North Maple Street, Hadley

The featured speakers are Katherine Reeves, biostatistician, UMass/Amherst; Elizabeth R. Bertone-Johnson, nutritional epidemiologist, UMass/Amherst; Erin Snook, exercise psychologist, UMass/Amherst; Arlene Ash, biostatistician, UMass Medical School; J. Mary Sorrell, Director of Highland Valley Elder Services Ombudsman Program; and Joan Ditzion, founding member of Our Bodies Ourselves.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

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15. Spring Support Groups at the UMass Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH; formerly Mental Health Services)

New Groups

Positively ADHD: A Support group

Women's Therapy Group for Undergraduates

Graduating Seniors Group

Reining in Your Anxiety: A Support Group for Stressed Students

Better Love: How to Get It and How to Give It

Ongoing Groups

Men, Talking: An Ongoing Men's Group

Making Connections: An Undergraduate Therapy Group for Men and Women

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Group

Living with Loss

Graduate Student Women's Therapy Group

For more information about groups, contact Julia Moss: [jmoss@uhs.umass.edu](mailto:jmoss@uhs.umass.edu).

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### 16. [LGBT Therapy Group Forming in Northampton](#)

Debra Truskinoff, a licensed social worker in Northampton, will be running a three-month group for LGBT people, with the option of reconnecting in the fall. She takes many forms of insurance, including UMass student insurance. The rate of the group for those without insurance is \$40-50, sliding scale. If interested, contact her at (413) 320-6813.

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