

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
February 25, 2011

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, join our Facebook page, visit 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. **Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing -- 3/9, Noon-3:30 p.m., 168C UMass Campus Center**
3. **Five-College LGBT Faculty and Staff Reception -- 3/24, 5-7 p.m., Amherst College Alumni House**
4. **Free Film Screening: *Transparent*, with Director Jules Rosskam and Local FTM Parents -- 3/31, 7 p.m., Media Education Foundation Community Room, Northampton**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **Valley V-Day's 3rd Annual Community Production of *The Vagina Monologues* -- 2/25 & 2/26, 7 p.m., Northampton Center for the Arts**
6. **LGBTQ Contradance -- 2/26, 7-10 p.m., Montague Grange, Montague**
7. **Bettina Aptheker, "W.E.B. DuBois: Personal Stories/Political Reflections" -- 2/28, 4.30 p.m., Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union, UMass**
8. **UMass Everywoman's Center Open House -- 3/1, 1-4 p.m., New Africa House, UMass**
9. **Rally in Solidarity with the State Workers in Wisconsin -- 3/2, Noon, UMass Student Union**
10. **Staceyann Chin, "An Evening of Poetry with Staceyann Chin" -- 3/2, 7 p.m., Scanlon Banquet Hall, Westfield State University**
11. **UMass Production of *The Vagina Monologues* 3/3-3/5, 7 p.m., Bowker Auditorium, UMass**
12. **The Pushovers -- 3/4, 8 p.m., Charles Pratt Dormitory, Amherst College**
13. **Five College Queer Sexuality and Gender Conference with Keynote Speaker Michelle Tea -- 3/5, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Franklin Paterson Hall, Hampshire College**
14. **Out! for Reel Film Series: *When Night Is Falling* + *Donkey Girl* -- 3/5, 7 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton**
15. **Superhero GAP (Gay Amherst Party) -- 3/5, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Seelve Hall, Amherst College**
16. **Alison Bechdel at Williams College -- 3/8, 4 and 8 p.m.**
17. **Out Books On Wheels at the Northampton Senior Center -- 3/9, 1-3 p.m.**
18. **"Women's Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know" -- 3/12, 9:30-1, Wesley United Methodist Church, Hadley**
19. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "Building FTM Community" -- 3/13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
20. **Spring Support Groups at the UMass Center for Counseling and Psychological Health**
21. **LGBT Therapy Group Forming in Northampton**
22. **The LGBT Coalition of Western MA Announces The Shining Star Scholarship Fund for LGBT Youth**

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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

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

2. [Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing](#)

Wednesday, March 9, Noon-3:30 p.m.

168C 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.

3. [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, (413) 545-4826

4. [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.

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5. [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.

6. [LGBTQ Contradance](#)
Saturday, Feb. 26, 7-10 p.m.
Montague Grange #141, 34 Main Street, Montague, MA
Cost: \$7-\$10 sliding scale, \$5 with student ID
Caller: David Kaynor with music by Can Am Hotshots

For more information: <http://www.lcfd.org/westma>

7. [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*.

8. [UMass Everywoman's Center Open House](#)

Tuesday, March 1, 1-4 p.m.
New Africa House, UMass

Light lunch, entertainment, free Henna tattoos, and button making

9. [Rally in Solidarity with the State Workers in Wisconsin](#)

Wednesday, March 2, Noon
Outside the UMass Student Union

10. [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.

11. [UMass Production of *The Vagina Monologues*](#)

Thursday, March 3, Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium, University of Massachusetts

Admission is \$5 for students, low-income, and senior citizens and \$10 for the general public. Tickets will be sold at the Fine Arts Center box office and will also be available at the door the night of the performances. Open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

Proceeds to benefit V-Day 2011's campaign for Haiti. The girls and women of Haiti suffer some of the worst poverty and gender-based-violence in the world, and are in need of even greater help in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Chocolate vaginas, t-shirts, and other vagina-friendly goodies will be sold at the show, with proceeds donated to the Everywoman's Center and VDAY Haiti.

For more information, contact the Everywoman's Center: (413) 545-0883 or www.umass.edu/ewc

12. [The Pushovers, an all-lesbian band](#)

Friday, March 4, 8 p.m.

O'Connor Commons, Charles Pratt Dormitory, Amherst College

(campus map available at <https://www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting>)

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy a coffeehouse-style performance with refreshments

13. [Five College Queer Sexuality and Gender Conference with Keynote Speaker Michelle Tea](#)

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Franklin Paterson Hall, Hampshire College

Michelle Tea is an author, poet, and literary arts organizer whose autobiographical works explore queer culture, feminism, race, class, prostitution, and other topics.

Award-winning books and anthologies include *Rose of No Man's Land*, *The Chelsea Whistle*, and *Without a Net: The Female Experience of Growing Up Working Class*.

Workshops include Asexuality 101, Gender Performance Through Improv, Health and Wellness Determinants of LGBT Youth, The Sharing Chain, Patriarchy in LGBT/Queer Community, Queering Bodies, (Em)power Play, Whip Yourself Into Shape!: BDSM for Beginners, Pervertibles, Kinky Queer Consent, Pushing the Homosocialist Agenda: Why We Love Being LGBTQ, Campus and Community Sexual Assault Resources, Flagging for the 21st Century, Virginity: What Does It Mean To You?, The Sexuality and Disability Disconnect, Queer Jewish Forum, Shaping Queer Bodies: Experiences and Representations of Female-Born Queers, Emotional Abuse in Queer Relationships, Radical Dirty Talk: Learning to use enthusiastic consent to enhance your sex life, On the RACK: Risk Aware Consensual Kink, Projecting Identities, LGBT-Themed Youth Literature, What Kind of Leader Am I, Bisexuals in Mixed Orientation Relationships, Self-Care for Activists and Allies, A Path to Diversity, Healing, Liberation & Evolution of the Trans Body, The Politics of Gender Variant Language, Our Liberation: Using Interactive Theater to Untangle Oppressions, The Spirituality of Queer Acts, Strategies for Everyday Activism, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Orgasms, Straddling Sex Work, Building a Better Trans 101, Queer Family Making, Medical Guidelines for Gender Variant Youth, Navigating Public Health Programming: How to Retain Your Power As A Queer Person, Queer Radical Mental Health, Comprehensive Ally, Ropes Skills, QIPOC caucus

To Register:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/472360/queerconfprereg2011> ;

Also check out the Facebook event page to get updates:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=148627125172707&ref=ts> ;

For more information: queerconf@hampshire.edu

14. *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)

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

15. *Superhero GAP (Gay Amherst Party)*

Saturday, March 5, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Basement of Seelve Hall, Amherst College

(campus map available at <https://www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting>)

16. *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>

17. [Out Books On Wheels](#), the mobile LGBT library, will be at the Northampton Senior Center (Conz Street) on Wednesday, March 9th from 1-3 p.m. LGBT-themed and authored books will be available to borrow. These books are for our community elders at no charge. We are there every second Wednesday at the same time. The next such in-service will be on April 13, 1-3 p.m. For more information: www.OutBooksOnWheels.org

18. ["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.

19. [East Coast FTM Group Meeting](#)
Sunday, March 13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
Discussion Topic: "Building FTM Community"

"This meeting will continue the discussion and brainstorming we started at the December 12, 2010 ECFTMG meeting. Since Spring is approaching, this will be a good time to revisit and add to the list of outdoor and indoor activities many would like to see happen (and hopefully organize) for FTMs in Western Massachusetts. This is also the weekend that ECFTMG began back in 1992, so come eat some cake with us to celebrate the group's 19th Anniversary.

Please note that East Coast FTM Group meetings are now specifically for FTMs only, meaning the full spectrum of masculine-identified, female- or intersex-born persons in the transgender and gender non-conforming community. This includes FTM transgender persons, FTM transsexuals (non-op, pre-op, and post-op), FTM cross-dressers, gender queers, stone butches, gender blended, queer, and questioning."

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

20. [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.

21. [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.

22. [The LGBT Coalition of Western MA Announces The Shining Star Scholarship Fund](#)

The Shining Star Scholarship Fund is a scholarship in the amount of \$500 paid directly to an educational institution in order to further the educational opportunities for qualified LGBT youth.

This scholarship is open to any LGBT youth who attends a Western MA high school or college, who has shown interest in pursuing a career in community organizing, and/or but not limited to, education or social work as a major. Candidates must demonstrate a financial need and complete all requirements by April 30, 2011.

For more information about this fund, please visit our website at: www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org

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