

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
March 11, 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. **Five-College LGBT Faculty and Staff Reception -- 3/24, 5-7 p.m., Amherst College Alumni House**
2. **Free Film Screening: *Transparent*, with Director Jules Rosskam and Local FTM Parents -- 3/31, 7 p.m., Media Education Foundation Community Room, Northampton**
3. **Peggy Shaw, *MUST: The Inside Story* -- 4/5, 8 p.m., 65 Bartlett Hall, UMass**
4. **Sister Spit Performance -- 4/6, 8 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
5. **Sister Spit Workshops -- 4/7, UMass Campus Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. **"Women's Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know" -- 3/12, 9:30-1, Wesley United Methodist Church, Hadley**
7. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "Building FTM Community" -- 3/13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
8. **Book Reading: *The L Life: Extraordinary Lesbians Making a Difference* by Erin McHugh -- 3/15, 7 p.m., Broadside Books, Northampton**
9. **LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Monthly Meeting -- 3/15, 7 p.m., Northampton**
10. **Generation Q's 3rd Annual Kiss 'N' Tell Ball -- 3/18, 7-10 p.m., Greenfield**
11. **Bon Appetit Burlesque: Heroes & Villains -- 3/19, 9 p.m., World War II Club, Northampton**
12. **PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting -- 3/24, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, Ashfield, MA**
13. **Joe Feagin, "Racism on College Campuses: Neither Dead nor Dying" -- 3/28, 4 p.m., 101 UMass Campus Center**
14. **The LGBT Coalition of Western MA Announces The Shining Star Scholarship Fund for LGBT Youth**
15. **National Union of Jewish LGBTIQQ Students Conference -- 4/1-4/3, Brandeis University**
16. **Support Provided by the Straight Spouse Network**

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1. **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

2. [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, (413) 545-4826

3. [Peggy Shaw, *MUST: The Inside Story*](#)

Tuesday, April 5, 8 p.m.

65 Bartlett Hall, UMass

\$5 Admission

Renowned for her own gender bending autobiographical work, Shaw recounts her extraordinary experiences of the medical profession from her current perspective as a 65-year-old lesbian grandmother. *MUST* weaves together the stories of a lifetime – giving birth on the way to Woodstock, her mother's electric shock treatment in 1950s America, the loss of a loved one – with projected microscopic images, and live musicians performing a powerful score for piano, double bass and violin.

4. [Sister Spit, a Queer, Feminist Performance Troupe](#)

Wednesday, April 6, 8 p.m.

UMass Student Union Ballroom

Featuring Michelle Tea, Kirk Read, Ali Liebegott, Blake Nelson, Mari Naomi, Myriam Gurba, and Amos Mac. Free and open to the public.

5. [Sister Spit Workshops](#)

Thursday, April 7

1-2:30 p.m.

- "Learning How to Kiss & Tell" with MariNaomi, 162-175 UMass Campus Center

- "Seeing from Another Way" with Blake Nelson, 168 UMass Campus Center

3-4:30 p.m.

- "Power of 14" with Myriam Gurba, 162-175 UMass Campus Center

- "Your Body Is the Mountain; Your Stories Are the Gold" with Kirk Read, 168 UMass Campus Center

5-6:30 p.m.

- "Queering the Print Media" with Amos Mac, 162-175 UMass Campus Center

- "Living the Dream: Saying Yes to My Life as a Writer" with Ali Liebegott, 168 UMass Campus Center

7-8:30 p.m.

- "It's All About You: Yourself as a Character in Memoir, Fiction, and Personal Narrative" with Michelle Tea, 168 UMass Campus Center

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6. ["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.

7. [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.

8. **Book Reading: *The L Life: Extraordinary Lesbians Making a Difference* by Erin McHugh**
Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m.
Broadside Books, 247 Main St., Northampton

Erin McHugh will speak about her new book showing how lesbians in all walks of life are making a difference for the better. She profiles a variety of women working both privately and in the public eye, including breast cancer expert Dr. Susan Love, cartoonist Alison Bechdel, and comedian Kate Clinton.

9. **LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m.
32 Industrial Drive East, 1st Floor, Northampton (the LGBT Coalition Office)

For more information: www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org or (413) 588-1018

10. **Generation Q's 3rd Annual Kiss 'N' Tell Ball**
A LGBTQ-friendly dance for those age 21 and younger
Friday, March 18, 7-10 p.m.
Greenfield Youth Center, 20 Sanderson St., Greenfield

Free, all genders and sexualities welcome. Generation Q is a social/support group for LGBTQ and ally young people age 21 and younger. The group meets weekly in Greenfield on Tuesdays and in Northampton on Wednesdays. For more information, genq@communityaction.us

11. **Bon Appetit Burlesque: Heroes & Villains**
Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.)
The Deuce (World War II Club), 50 Conz St., Northampton

"In this month's burlesque and art show, our performers are donning masks and capes to foil evildoers or commit some crimes of passion. Come out and see whose secret identity will be exposed and who will save the day through the art of the striptease. The show features art, games, prizes, and burlesque from a variety of performers that will leave you laughing, lusting,

and wanting more! Featured performers include: Captain Elastico, Serendipity Galore, Miss Bettysioux Tailor, Ruby Solitaire, and Lily la Vamp. The host of the show is local artist Hors D'oeuvres. Stick around between acts and after the show for music from WMUA's Studebaker Hawk, voted 2010's Best DJ in The Valley Advocate's Grand Band Slam. Come out early to see art on display from Amy Gardiner."

Open to ages 21 and up. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis. Please arrive early; seating is limited and fills up quickly. A cash bar is provided by The Deuce.

For more updates on Bon Appetit Burlesque please visit our website at www.nohoburlesque.com or find us on Facebook.

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

Thursday, March 24, 7 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. Along with our support circle, this month we will be viewing the film *Prayers for Bobby*. Helpline: (413) 625-6636 or jcmalinski48@gmail.com

13. [Joe Feagin, "Racism on College Campuses: Neither Dead nor Dying"](#)

Monday, March 28, 4 p.m.
101 UMass Campus Center

Joe Feagin is the Ella C. McFadden Professor of Liberal Arts at Texas A & M University.

14. [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

15. [National Union of Jewish LGBTIQQ Students \(NUJLS\) 2011 Conference](#)
April 1-3, Brandeis University

The NUJLS leadership conference features workshops, services, community building, and social time. Registration includes meals (all kosher) and all conference events; student housing will be provided by Brandeis students.

The NUJLS conference and community includes students from all sorts of backgrounds--religious, not religious, students who are "just Jewish", LGBT-identified students,, questioning students, students who are out, and students who are not out--and also includes Hillel and GLBT Jewish group leaders, members, and non-members.

Learn more about the conference at <http://www.nehirim.org/nujls>

16. [Straight Spouse Network](#) is a national non-profit network of straight spouses offering free, confidential support to straight wives and husbands who are trying to process the many issues that occur when their partners comes out lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. I offer 1-to-1 counseling and a monthly support group. Contact Jane for information at 413 625-6636 or janenrosie48@yahoo.com. National website: www.straightspouse.org

To submit a listing or to subscribe to Queer-e, e-mail us: stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu.