

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

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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 Roskam 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 Roskam 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
Space is limited; available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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

7. 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.

8. 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

9. Spring Tea Dance

Sunday, March 27, 4-8 p.m.

The Deuce (WWII Club), 50 Conz St., Northampton

\$8 admission (18+). Music by Studebaker Hawk. Sponsored by Pride Promotions:

www.nohopridepromos.com.

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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>

13. Film Screening: *Off and Running*

Saturday, April 2, 8:15 p.m. (doors open at 7:15)

Wright Hall, Smith College, Northampton

\$9 General (Online & Door) / \$7 Seniors & Students (Door Only)

With white Jewish lesbian parents and two adopted brothers, Avery grew up in a unique and loving household. When her curiosity about her African-American roots grows and she decides to contact her birth mother, she is propelled into an exploration of race, identity, and family that at first distances her from the parents she's known. This inspiring story explores the journey of self-discovery and family.

Screening with *Second Guessing Grandma*, a charming short film about a young Jewish gay man who finally comes out to his beloved grandmother against his mother's wishes.

Sponsored by Out! For Reel and the Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival. Read More, Buy Tickets, Watch Trailer: <http://www.outforreel.org>

14. 13th Annual Freedom Seder

Thursday, April 7, 5:30-8 p.m.

Marriott Center Dining Room, UMass Campus Center 11th Floor

People of all religious and cultural backgrounds are welcome!!

FREE including a delicious international dinner

The Freedom Seder is a multicultural and interfaith celebration based on the Exodus themes of the Jewish Passover Seder and their resonance in the Civil Rights Movement and other modern liberation struggles. Through ritual, stories, poetry, and music, we learn about each other's cultures and express our yearning for universal liberation.

The event has special significance this year, as the people of Egypt, Tunisia, and other countries are fighting for liberation from their modern Pharaohs... a remarkable parallel to the story commemorated in

the Freedom Seder.

We will enjoy a very special buffet dinner prepared by the students in Hospitality and Tourism Management 457... featuring an international menu with foods from the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Americas (including several vegetarian dishes).

Please RSVP to goldbaum@admin.umass.edu or call (413) 545-9642

Sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Black Student Union, Muslim Students Association, Jewish Student Union, and Intersivity Christian Fellowship. More information is online at www.umass.edu/jewish/programs/FreedomSeder

15. Take Back the Night Rally/March
Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.
Starting Outside the UMass Student Union

16. The Make It Better Tour: An Evening of Music and Comedy to Benefit Local Gay/Straight Alliance Development
Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.
Diva's, 492 Pleasant St., Northampton

Hosted by Bianca Dubois, the event will include special guests John Brandoli and The Kings, The Ellingtones, and Amy Petty.

This event is a fundraiser for the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts to benefit local Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) development in Western Mass. Tickets are \$10/advance, \$15/door (18+) and can be purchased at Pride & Joy, Food for Thought Books, and Odyssey Bookstore, or at www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org

17. 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

HOUSING

18. Room for Rent in Northampton, Available May 1

\$550/month, plus utilities, on a quiet street, walking distance to downtown, by the fairgrounds. One room open in a 2-bedroom apartment - very sunny, lots of windows, first floor apartment. Living room, dining room, kitchen and pantry, big front porch, clawfoot bathtub, hardwood floors throughout.

Great for one other person, but would probably be too tight for a couple. I am a (28-year-old, queer, female) grad student, and work from home a few days a week. I'm a low-key, laid back, friendly roommate - very neat/clean/respectful, vegan/vegetarian friendly. Lease is until August, but I'm looking for someone who's interested in staying on after that as well.

Also, I have a small terrier mix - no other pets please (he chases cats, and only one dog is allowed in the apt). To set up a time to come see the apartment, email Kat:

krickenbacker@gmail.com

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