

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
March 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]

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1. 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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

5. "Out at the Office: LGBT Issues in the Workplace"

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

922 UMass Campus Center

A Panel Discussion with:

Chuck DiMare, Director, UMass Student Legal Services Office

Genny Beemyn, Director, UMass Stonewall Center

Caroline Gould, Assistant Director, UMass Career Planning Office

Court Cline, Activist, UAW Staff Member

Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Student Legal Services Office, in association with the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Rebecca Jordan-Young, Discussing *Brain Storm: The Flaws in the Science of Sex Differences*
Thursday, March 31, 4 p.m.
917 UMass Campus Center

Jordan-Young, an Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at Barnard College, will discuss her book (Harvard University Press, 2010).

9. 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

10. 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>

11. 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>

12. Local Casting for Web Series about Women in the Lesbian Community

Blurred Divide Productions is casting for the first season of a new dramatic web series, *Like a Girl*, following the lives of four women in the lesbian community.

Looking for four main female leads between the ages of 21-30 and various supporting roles. Please visit our website for more detailed information: BlurredDivide.com/casting Auditions to begin in April 2011. Rehearsals and shooting begin in May in Western Massachusetts (flexible, depending on cast and crew schedule availability).

13. Paul Specht Photography Exhibit, Northampton

Easthampton-based gay photographer Paul Specht will exhibit recent portraits and landscapes at Whoo Space, 11 Market Street in Northampton, MA, from Thursday, April 7, through Sunday, April 10. The gallery hours are 6-9 p.m. each day. On Friday evening, April 8, an artist's reception will be held in conjunction with the monthly Art's Night Out in Northampton. Refreshments will be served.

Specht has been a professional photographer since 1994, having studied photography at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and New England School of Photography. His work has taken him to locations all over the United States and abroad, and has been featured in such publications as Natural Health Magazine, Out Magazine and Radical Faerie Digest magazine. For more information: www.paulspecht.com and www.artsnightout.org

14. East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Discussion Topic: "Enhancing Your Masculine Gender Expression"

"In this meeting, we will share tips and tricks of the trade to help you fine-tune your masculine gender presentation: clothing, hairstyles, voice, facial and body hair, mannerisms, postures, attitude, and more.

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.

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:

krikenbacker@gmail.com

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