

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
April 1, 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. **Peggy Shaw, *MUST: The Inside Story* -- 4/5, 8 p.m., 65 Bartlett Hall, UMass**
2. **Sister Spit Performance -- 4/6, 8 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
3. **Sister Spit Workshops -- 4/7, UMass Campus Center**
4. **"Out at the Office: LGBT Issues in the Workplace" -- 4/11, 7 p.m., 922 UMass Campus Center**
5. **Free Film Screening: *Two Spirits* -- 4/12, 7 p.m., Wilder Hall, UMass**
6. **LGBTQA Jazz Night -- 4/13, 7-10 p.m., Food For Thought Books, Amherst**
7. **April 15 Deadline for UMass Graduates to Sign-Up for Rainbow Graduation**
8. **Free Film Screening: *Gay Days* (LGBT Life in Israel) -- 4/21, 7 p.m. 168 UMass Campus Center**
9. **The 13th Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQA Recognition Ceremony --5/4, 7 p.m., 10th Floor, UMass Campus Center**

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10. **"April F*** Drag Ball" -- 4/1, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., UMass Fine Arts Center**
11. **Activist Contingent for Noho Pride Organizing Meeting -- 4/2, 7-9 p.m., Media Education Foundation, Northampton**
12. **Out! For Reel Film Screening: *Off and Running* -- 4/2, 8:15 p.m., Smith College, Northampton**
13. ***PROTECTION: A Film about Men and Condoms in the Time of HIV and AIDS* -- 4/5, 7 p.m., 134 Hasbrouck Hall, UMass**
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15. **LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Monthly Meeting -- 4/6, 7 p.m., Northampton**
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1. [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.

2. [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.

3. [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

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

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

917 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

5. Free Film Screening: *Two Spirits*

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success (CMASS), 1st floor Wilder Hall, UMass

A film screening and discussion on gender, same-sex sexuality, and American Indian communities. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center, the Native American Student Association, and CMASS. For more information: 545-4826, stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu

6. [LGBTQA Jazz Night](#)

Wednesday, April 13, 7-10 p.m.

Food For Thought Books, 106 North Pleasant St., Amherst

Featuring The Supreme Trio. Free, \$5 donation to help keep Food For Thought in business accepted. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and Food For Thought.

7. [Are You a Graduating UMass Undergraduate or Graduate LGBTQ or Ally Student? \(or know someone who is\)](#)

Be Recognized at Rainbow Graduation!

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Amherst Room of the Campus Center. Graduates who sign up before April 15 will be recognized with a personalized gift and a rainbow tassel that can be worn at UMass graduation.

Please email the Stonewall Center at stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu if you would like to be part of Rainbow Graduation.

8. [Gay Days](#)

Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m.

UMass Campus Center, Room 168

A documentary film about the emergence of an LGBT community in Israel.

Free and open to the public. Sponsored by UMass Hillel and the UMass Stonewall Center, co-sponsored by the Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies and the UMass Student Alliance for Israel. For more information: UMass Hillel, 413-549-1710

9. [The Thirteenth Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQA Recognition Ceremony](#)

Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Amherst Room, 10th Floor, UMass Campus Center

Keynote Speaker and “Continuing the Legacy of Stonewall” Award Recipient: Pat Griffin, UMass Professor Emerita, Social Justice Education, and LGBT People in Sport Activist and Expert

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. "April F*** Drag Ball"

Friday, April 1, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

UMass Fine Arts Center

\$2 entrance fee at the door. Sponsored by the UMass Pride Alliance.

11. *Activist Contingent for Noho Pride Organizing Meeting*

Saturday, April 2, 7-9 p.m.

Media Education Foundation Community Room, 60 Masonic Street, Northampton
(behind and within the same building as Woodstar Café)

For more information: Bet Power, betpower@yahoo.com, or Gerry Scoppettuolo,
gerryred@yahoo.com

12. *Out! For Reel 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>

13. *PROTECTION: A Film about Men and Condoms in the Time of HIV and AIDS*

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

134 Hasbrouck, UMass

The film offers glimpses into attitudes and emotions of men of different backgrounds and ages in South Africa, Kenya, and Sierra Leone and the challenges and realities of sexual protection that men face in these and other countries. The film's executive producer (and Hampshire College faculty), Jill Lewis, will introduce the movie and hold a Q&A session immediately following the screening. Free and open to the public.

14. *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).

15. *LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Monthly Meeting*

Wednesday April 6, 7 p.m.

At their office, 32 Industrial Drive East, Northampton

Planning will be done for Rainbow RiverFest on September 24. For more information: lgbtwma@gmail.com

16. *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

17. [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.

18. [Student Government Association Positions Available to UMass Students](#)

"My name is Yevin Roh, President-elect of the Student Government Association. One of my duties is to appoint cabinet members to work on student issues and help improve the University for students. This is the perfect opportunity to get paid (eight dollars an hour, ten hours a week, starting in the Fall 2011 semester) for advocating, working, and programming with your peers. Please do not be fooled by the name 'Student Government Association.' No background in governance or Political Science is required. All should feel free to apply, especially if you have been working directly with students and our needs. There are a variety of cabinet positions available, such as: Secretary of Finance, Secretary of the Registry, Attorney General, Chief of Staff, Secretary of University Policy and External Affairs, Secretary of Diversity Issues, Secretary of Web Management, Secretary of Outreach and Education, and Secretary of Sustainability."

For more information or an application form, contact yroh@student.umass.edu
The deadline is April 10th before midnight.

19. [Take Back the Night Rally/March](#)

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Starting Outside the UMass Student Union

20. [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

21. [Bon Appetit Burlesque: The '70s Spectacular](#)

Friday, April 15, 9 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.)

The Deuce (World War II Club), 50 Conz St., Northampton

"Our performers will be paying tribute to the music and culture of the 1970s through the art of the striptease. The show features art, games, prizes, and neo-burlesque. Featured performers include: Patti Cake, Dot Mitzvah, Ginger Snaps, Pandora Fox, Nixie Von Dyke, and Kitty Katastrophe. 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 paintings on display from local artist Michael Williams."

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.

22. [Tickets Now Available for Kate Clinton Show and After Party](#)

New 2011 Comedy Show: "The Glee Party Tour!"

Friday, May 6, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

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Celebrate Your Pride After Party

9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Page's Loft Grand Ballroom, Clarion Hotel, Northampton

Kate Clinton, nationally renown lesbian comedian and author of three books will perform her new hilarious comedy show, "The Glee Party Tour" in celebration of her 30 year career and Noho Pride's 30th anniversary.

New V.I.P. Ticket Package (limited number):

- "Date with Kate" V.I.P. reception after show at the Hotel Northampton (yes, you can bring your camera)

- After Party Ticket

- V.I.P. Reserve Seating Section

- V.I.P. "Fast Pass" Ticket Line

Tickets:

\$35 V.I.P. Package / \$30 Combo (Kate + Party ticket)

\$25 General / \$18 students w/ID (door only)

After Party Tickets:

\$5 with Kate Ticket (Combo)

\$11 General

Tickets available online only: www.OutForReel.org.

HOUSING

23. [Home for Rent in Florence, Monday-Friday](#)

Lesbian homeowner in Florence who will be working in Boston during the week seeks tenant

who has a home elsewhere but who needs to be in the Valley from Mon-Fri. Sweet house in country setting, 10 minutes to downtown Northampton. Please contact florencehome1112@yahoo.com

24. 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.