

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
September 9, 2011

UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, join our Facebook page, visit [www.umass.edu/stonewall](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall), or call us at (413) 545-4824]

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1. Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing  
Tuesday, Sept. 13, Noon-3:30 p.m.  
101 UMass Campus Center

No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Testing is conducted by Tapestry Health. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

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2. "Building Community in a Divide and Conquer Culture"  
Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.  
174-76 UMass Campus Center

A panel discussion exploring strategies for coalition building at the intersections of race, gender, and sexual orientation.

Panelists include:

- Dre Domingue, UMass doctoral student in Social Justice Education
- Yevin Roh, President of the UMass Student Government Association
- Stan Rosenberg, President of the State Senate (tentative)
- Mia Kim Sullivan, Director of Hampshire College's Civil Liberties and Public Policy program

Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Women of Color Leadership Network.

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3. Neon Nights: LGBTQ and Ally Fall Dance  
Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby

Free, with glow sticks and sunglasses provided. Music by Studebaker Hawk, voted the area's best DJ by The Valley Advocate. Open to all Five College and area high school students. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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4. El Muro (The Wall): Photographs by Eduardo Hernandez Santos  
Sept. 2 – Nov. 20, Smith College Museum of Art

On view for the first time in the United States, El Muro is a series of ten photographic triptychs by Cuban artist Eduardo Hernandez Santos. In 2005, Santos discovered that a block of the Malecon, the five-mile sea wall extending from Old to Central Havana, had been claimed as a place where gay and transgender Cubans congregated on a nightly basis. He photographed at El Muro (the wall) over the next year, engaging in discussions with his subjects, many of whom had no other public social outlet to express this aspect of their identities.

For more information: <http://scma.smith.edu/artmuseum/On-View/Upcoming/El-Muro>

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5. East Coast FTM Group Meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 11, 3-6 p.m.  
Discussion topic: "Trans Men and Loneliness"

"Is this a dirty little secret in the trans community—that trans men in whatever stage of transition are often alone, frequently single, and unable to find a partner or maintain a love relationship? Do we experience a disproportionate amount of rejection and breakups, and do we have difficulty finding the right match for us in the first place? How do our gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, transition status, and other realities factor into what, to some, is seemingly perennial loneliness?"

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](mailto:betpower@yahoo.com).

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6. Slutwalk Northampton Organizing Meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 11, 3-5 p.m.  
Media Education Foundation Community Room, 60 Masonic Street (behind Woodstar Cafe),  
Northampton

"The radical notion that nobody deserves to be raped." All needed and welcome.

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7. September Afternoon Tea Dance for Women and Their Friends  
Sunday, Sept. 11, 4-8 p.m.  
The Deuce/WWII Club, Conz Street, Northampton

Dance to the music of DJ AddamdaBomb and be served by the Deuce's awesome bartender, Jen. This is a fundraiser for the LGBT Coalition of Western Mass. Only \$10 (18+). Tickets for Rainbow Riverfest will be on sale at this event. For more information: (413) 588-1018 or [www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org](http://www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org)

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8. PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays)

Northampton Meeting:  
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m.  
Conference room of Highland Valley Elder Services, 320 Riverside Drive

Ashfield Meeting:  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 7-9 p.m.  
First Congregational Church, Main Street

For more information: (413) 625-6636, [jcmalinski48@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalinski48@gmail.com), or on Facebook.

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9. Audition for the UMass Not Ready for Bedtime Players  
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.  
101 UMass Campus Center

"The Not Ready for Bedtime Players is UMass Amherst's very own Peer Sexuality Theatre Troupe. If you are a UMass student interested in being a part of this group come and audition on Wednesday, September 14th. You don't need to prepare anything in advance, just come with a sense of humor. We will split you into groups of 5 people, you'll be given one of our scripts and then your small group will perform in front of returning players. We'll then go through an improv activity. That's it. Call backs are the following week, when you'll have a week to prepare a script reading and have a short interview. The group audition signups will be done on a first come, first served basis, so get there early to get an early slot. All Players must be available on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 11:30. Questions? Contact Amanda Collings Vann at 413-577-5185 or [collings@uhs.umass.edu](mailto:collings@uhs.umass.edu)."

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10. Singers Welcomed at Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal  
Wednesday, Sept. 14 (and every Wednesday), 7-9 p.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Elm Street, Northampton

More details at <http://www.pvgmc.org> or contact music director Larry McFarland at [info@pvgmc.org](mailto:info@pvgmc.org).

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11. UMass Pride Alliance First Meeting of the Semester  
Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.  
UMass Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

The Pride Alliance is the LGBTQ and Ally group at UMass. Follow them on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/2200086908>

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12. Five College Sigma Chi Iota Social Justice Sorority "Meet and Greek"  
Sunday, Sept. 18, 6-8 p.m., UMass (call or email for location: 413-896-7268, [sximaka@gmail.com](mailto:sximaka@gmail.com))

"Meet the sisters of SXI, enjoy snacks while writing cards to nursing home residents, and find out what makes Sigma Chi Iota stand out." The sorority is holding other informational and social events throughout September for potential new members and others who are interested. For more information: [www.sigmachiiota.moonfruit.com](http://www.sigmachiiota.moonfruit.com)

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13. The Kinsey Sicks, "Each Hit & I"  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.  
John M. Greene Hall, Smith College

"Each Hit & I" is bursting at the seams with gorgeous and unforgivable numbers, including the soon to be classics, "Necrophilia," "See You When Tea is Drinkable," "I Kissed a Gull," "Things You Shouldn't Say," and "Tranny Boy." In addition to uproarious original tunes, the Kinsey Sicks turn their sharp eye to the pop world, skewering Britney Spears, Michael Jackson, Katy Perry, and Beyonce in the process.

Free for Smith students/\$5 for 5 College students/\$10 general admission. Tickets are available in the Smith College Campus Center or online at <http://www.smith.edu/ose/programs.php>

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#### 14. Rainbow RiverFest

Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Holyoke Canoe Club, Route 5, Holyoke (two miles from Northampton)

"The Rainbow RiverFest combines music, performances, art, games, a youth tent, educational workshops, demonstrations and the Zen Zone, a healing place for body, mind and spirit. Pop diva Crystal Waters is the headline performer. Other performers include legendary women's music icon Alix Dobkin, Comedian Amy Tee, MAOR, Sister Funk, M3cedes Diaz, Sara Grace, Loco Ninja, Who da Funk It, and more.

The festival also includes a Youth Tent, a safe and welcoming space for young people ages 12-22, with workshops addressing their needs and interests, as well as activities like the Graffiti Wall Art Project. Many of the RiverFest performers will tell their personal coming out stories and answer questions candidly in the Youth Tent.

This year, the Rainbow RiverFest is free for those 20 and under. Adults are \$10 advance/\$15 at the door, with funds supporting the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts. A beer garden (21+) will be sponsored by Harpoon and Barefoot Wines. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to: [www.RainbowRiverFest.org](http://www.RainbowRiverFest.org) or call 413-588-1018."

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#### 15. SAGE Western Massachusetts Film Screening: "Sappho's Fire"

Saturday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street

Tickets will be sold at the door (\$5-15 sliding scale). Q & A after the film with the filmmaker. The facility is wheelchair-accessible, and there is plenty of on-site parking. Refreshments will be served. For more information: (413) 586-2000, extension 146 or [jmsorrell@sagewm.org](mailto:jmsorrell@sagewm.org)

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#### 16. El Muro (The Wall): Open Forum"

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

Carroll Room, Campus Center, Smith College

Lester Tome, Assistant Professor of Dance History and Theory, and Gary Lehring, Associate Professor of Government, share their personal responses to El Muro, photographs of gay and transgender life in Cuba by Eduardo Hernandez Santos with poetry by Virgilio Pinera. Join the discussion moderated by Patrick Connelly, Office of Student Engagement. Free coffee and cookies.

El Muro: Photographs by Eduardo Hernandez Santos is on view at the Smith College Museum of Art through November 20th. Selected images will be shown at the Forum by Aprile Gallant, Curator, Prints, Drawings and Photographs.

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#### 17. MassPIRG Information Sessions at UMass Amherst

"This is Izzy Goodman with MassPIRG. I wanted to invite you to come hear more about our campaigns and about how to get involved as an intern or volunteer.

<http://www.masspirgstudents.org/umass-amherst>

In case you aren't familiar with us, MassPIRG is a student funded, student directed organization here on campus and across the state. We focus on solutions to some of society's biggest problems – like working to end hunger and homelessness, fighting global warming, and making college more affordable. With MassPIRG you can: help update the bottle bill to increase recycling statewide; join a team of students volunteering at a food shelter; weatherize homes and educate schoolchildren about energy efficiency, and work to end taxpayer subsidies to big agribusiness.

Best of all – you'll meet some great people and make a difference.

Info sessions will be held Monday-Thursday 11am, 3pm, and 5pm and Fridays 11am and 3pm in 415 Student Union. They start on September 7th and will continue until September 20th, but come sooner rather than later so you can get involved right away!"

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#### 18. LGBTQA Students Encouraged to Run as UMass Student Government Association Senators

From Yevin Roh, SGA President: "SGA Senate nominations are now open and run through the 16th of September. You can pick them up in the room 420 UMass Student Union Building. All it takes is 25 signatures to get on the ballot. Senators are directly responsible for voting on RSO funding and representing students and the issues important to them. You can also find out more about us at [www.umass-sga.com](http://www.umass-sga.com) or at our Facebook page. Please let me know if you have any questions: [sga.president@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:sga.president@stuaf.umass.edu)"

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