

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
October 14, 2011

UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

"Doing anything for Spring Break? Looking for a unique educational experience? Grassroots Community Organizing is a 5-credit Honors class, open to all, with an alternative spring break component. The info session will be a fun, engaging introduction to the course, structural inequality, and community organizing as a tool for change, and the course's unique pedagogy. Please email uact@anthro.umass.edu with any questions."

Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the UMass Alliance for Community Transformation.

2. **Joy Harjo, "Soul Talk, Song Language"**

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Bowker Auditorium, UMass

Joy Harjo is a self-proclaimed "poet-healer-philosopher-saxophonist," and one of the most

powerful Native American voices of her generation. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Mvskoke Nation. Her seven books of poetry, including *How We Became Human*, *The Woman Who Fell from the Sky*, and *She Had Some Horses*, have garnered many awards. She has also released four award-winning CDs of original music. This visit coincides with the release of Harjo's new book, *Soul Talk, Song Language*, being published by Wesleyan University Press. Co-sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

3. [Stonewall Center Movie Night: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*](#)

Thursday, Oct. 20, 9-11:30 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

It's *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, a screamingly funny, sinfully twisted salute to sci-fi, horror, B-movies and rock music, all rolled into one deliciously decadent musical sci-fi satire about an alien "transvestite" named Frank-n-Furter, who is building the perfect man while playing sexual games with his virginal visitors. If this sounds like an intriguing premise for a movie, then you're in for a treat. "Let's do the time warp again!"

Refreshments and popcorn will be provided, but not to throw!

4. [Original Plumbing: *Trans Male Quarterly* Slide Show and Reading from Their New Issue on "Family Matters"](#)

Monday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

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

"With family, come issues. This is beyond just a "Family Issue." This is a resource for trans people and their family members, partners, best friends. I'm even referring to it as family-friendly, because this is an issue you can share openly with kids, with your parents, with your parents' parents, and dedicated *OP* fans alike. This issue is dedicated to the parents of trans children, to trans adults who have started their own family, to people who prefer chosen family over anyone else, to anyone who appreciates family in whatever form they identify that as. And when I say "resource" I'm not talking textbook resource. I'm talking about real life experiences that you can bounce your own frustrations, emotions and thoughts off of. In this issue, we went to the Philadelphia Trans-Health conference where family members spoke to us and to each other about what has worked for them and what was a struggle. Moms, Dads, step-parents, high school students, best friends, trans men married to cisgender partners, trans guys who have gone through adoptions, fostering, queer solo parents of trans experience, trans guys who are about to give birth. It's all in there."

Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, Food For Thought Books, the Amherst College Rainbow Room, and the Association of Amherst Students.

5. [Rocco Katastrophe Concert](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

Friedmann Room, Keefe Campus Center, Amherst College

"Rocco Katastrophe is a New York-based rapper and producer. He is a seasoned vet on the mic and got his start competing in poetry slams in 1997. Combining his love of music and language, he started rapping and making beats in 2002. He uses his poetic grasp of language to weave dense tales of lives lived outside the mainstreams of education, class, and culture. He makes hip-hop that explodes with dangerous and ebullient passion. Crafting both dark anthems of anxiety and righteous rage, and sexy, flirtatious, booty-shaking pop/rap bangers."

Sponsored by the Amherst College Rainbow Room, the Association of Amherst Students, and the Stonewall Center.

6. [Halloween Costume Dance](#)

Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Newman Center Cafeteria, UMass

This is a free, fun Halloween costume party for everyone. The best costumes will win prizes, so get creative! (please do not wear full masks--this is a safety issue). We thought you deserved some fun, so meet some new people, take tons of pictures, and dance, dance, DANCE!

7. [kd diamond, "No Straight Lines: Drawing Sexuality and Gender in Comics"](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

kd (Katie) diamond is a queer, erotic comic artist. One of her most recent works is a comic-art collaboration with Johnny Blazes that appeared in *Gender Outlaws: The Next Generation*.

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8. Lesbian-Identified Participants Wanted for UMass Study

A researcher at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is looking for exclusively lesbian-identified women between the ages of 18-24 for a research experiment in the Psychology department. Interested participants must have normal or corrected-to-normal vision, no history of neurological disease or injury, and no current use psychotropic or recreational drugs or a pacemaker. In addition, all participants must not be currently using hormonal birth control. Monetary compensation is available; please contact Tobias Bennett at tsb.bennett@gmail.com or 508-572-0339 for additional information.

9. Workshop Proposals Now Being Accepted for the Hampshire College Queer Jews and Allies Conference

"Join us for the Queer Jews and Allies Conference at Hampshire College on Sunday, December 4th. This free, daylong conference will offer workshops, panels, plays, and more, addressing the unique experiences of queer Jewish identities as they weave among spirituality, sexuality, secular culture, gender identity and expression, political perspectives and movements, and religious traditions. Register and submit workshop proposals to help share our diverse perspectives and varied levels of understandings! This event welcomes all queer, gay, trans*, lesbian, and bisexual Jews and allies to learn, network, and create community in a safe, respectful, and accountable space. Kosher lunch and dinner will be provided for registered participants. Save the date for this full day of engaged learning at Hampshire College!

-To submit a proposal follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/queerjewsandallies>

-You can contact us at: queerjewsandallies@hampshire.edu

-Check out our webpage: <http://www.hampshire.edu/queer-jews-and-allies-conference.htm>

-Join us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=145098582234022>"

10. Whitney Battle-Baptiste, "DuBois, Black Feminist Archaeology, and the Veil of Black Womanhood"

Friday, Oct. 14, 3-5 p.m.

Room 2601, W.E.B. Du Bois Library

Whitney Battle-Baptiste is an assistant professor of Anthropology at UMass Amherst. She will be offering signed copies of her new book *Black Feminist Archaeology*.

11. [Trans Civil Rights March and Rally](#)

Saturday, October 15, Noon-5 p.m.

Northampton

"We will be marching from Lampron Park at 2 Parsons St. in Northampton, MA to The First Churches at 129 Main St. in Northampton, MA. Since the march kicks off at 12 pm sharp, please be there at around 11:30 am, though as early as 11 am is even better. There is no need to sign up to march. Just show up, and you are more than welcome to join! You are also more than welcome to bring your own signs and banners. The only things that are not allowed are floats and cars. The rally at First Churches starts at approximately 1 pm and continues on to 5 pm. There is to be no food or beverages in the Sanctuary where the rally will be held. All Trans folks and allies are welcome to march and attend the rally. I hope to see you all there. For more information contact Trystan at 413-824-7806."

12. [Season Premiere of the Out! For Reel LGBT Film Series: *Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same* and *The Sleeping Beauty of East Finchley*](#)

Saturday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton

Buy Tickets: Online at <http://www.outforreel.org> (advance tickets recommended!)

\$10 Advance / \$12 Door / \$8 Student w/ ID

Watch Trailers/ More Info: <http://www.OutForReel.org>

Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same Synopsis: Three single lesbian space aliens are sent to Earth on an urgent mission to save their planet. Before these lesbian ET's can go home they must find romance in NYC and have their hearts broken so that they will never have "big feelings" again. Big feelings ruin the ozone layer on their planet and lesbians are the worst offenders. What??? We will not spoil the fun by explaining more or by telling you how these endearing, clueless aliens go about navigating the streets and bars of Manhattan looking for lesbians to fall in love with -- or how they will irresistibly worm-hole their way into your heart.

The Sleeping Beauty of East Finchley Synopsis: A heartwarming British drama that offers both an uplifting story of transformation and a wonderful performance of a lesbian choir. Joan (TV actress Josie Walker) lives a dreary life taking care of her elderly mother until she literally finds her voice. Pat, the visiting nurse, hears Joan singing in the kitchen one day and persuades her to come to a rehearsal of her choir named "The Friends of Dusty" (as in lesbian singer Dusty Springfield). Joan loves the idea of pursuing her passion for singing but the

challenge is not the solos - it's the fact that all the choral members are lesbian. Using real footage of the Various Voice Festival, an international festival for LGBT choirs, filmmaker Rea Seamus interweaves talented choral singing with a touching and honest story of coming out and come into one's own."

13. [Dungeons and Drag Queens Gay Amherst Party \(GAP\)](#)

Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Hamilton Hall Basement, Amherst College

(a campus map is at <https://www.amherst.edu/map>)

14. [Hampshire College Queer Community Alliance Center Open House & Mocktail Party](#)

Monday, Oct. 17, 5-8 p.m.

Queer Community Alliance Center, Greenwich Housing Area, Donut 4, Hampshire College

"Come learn about the Queer Community Alliance Center and meet our staff. We will be serving non-alcoholic drinks of every rainbow color while you can mingle, enjoy live music, tarot card readings and more. All students, staff and faculty are invited."

15. [Free Film Screening: *Gen Silent*](#)

Tuesday, October 18, 5 p.m.

Greenfield Community College Dining Commons

Registration and refreshments from 5-5:45 p.m., the film to be shown at 6 p.m., discussion to follow from 7-7:45 p.m.

What would you do if you were old, disabled, ill and afraid of discrimination or abuse? *Gen Silent* is a new documentary that asks six LGBT elders if they will hide their lives to survive.

Registration is required by October 12 by emailing info@fchcc.org or calling (413) 773-5555, ext. 2296 or (978) 544-2259, ext. 2296. Sponsored by Franklin County Home Care, Greenfield Community College, and Boston's LGBT Aging Project.

16. [LGBTQI Incarcerated Realities Workshop with Tranzmission Prison Project](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

East Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

The Transmission Prison Project is an Asheville, NC based group which offers support for queer, trans, and gender nonconforming people who are incarcerated. This support comes in the form of providing people with books, zines, resource lists, and penpals. Sponsored by the Hampshire College Queer Community Alliance.

17. [Gender Dialogue for Five-College Students](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7-9:30 p.m.

Smith College Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender

This is a chance for Five-College Students to speak openly and honestly about their experiences with gender on college campuses. Please note that this is a full 2.5 hour commitment limited to the first 20 people who sign up. Register online at http://www.smith.edu/ose/rcsg_events.php

18. [Progressive Muslim Friday Gathering: "Women in Islam: Was Prophet Muhammed a Feminist?"](#)

Friday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton (go to the side door)

"Join Pioneer Valley Progressive Muslims for a Friday gathering and potluck--with a presentation/discussion about feminism and Islam. If possible, bring a dish or non-alcoholic beverage to share. If not, simply bring yourself and an open mind. Those who wish to do so will have an opportunity to pray the Islamic evening prayer in a gender-equitable communal style or individually. (There is never any pressure to participate in the brief prayer.) All are welcome. Pioneer Valley Progressive Muslims are explicitly LGBTQ-inclusive, pro-feminist and welcome everyone regardless of religious/spiritual identification. For more information, email pvprogressivemuslims@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/pvprogressivemuslims>."

19. [Book Arts Workshops for the Pioneer Valley Trans Community](#)

October 22 and October 29: book workshops for trans women

December 3 and December 10: book workshops for trans men

"Artist's books create structure and opportunity for hidden stories to be revealed, to become transparent and move physically off the page. These workshops introduce artist's books as a social-political art action. The books created during the workshops will help give voice for the necessity of transgender civil rights.

These workshops start with origami books then progress to more complicated structures to including collage, original and found text creating an interaction with the author and reader. In consultation with The Sexual Minorities Archives, there will be two six-hour workshops each, for male-identified and for female-identified individuals. Maximum enrollment is 8 people for each workshop.

Individual materials and supplies needed for the workshop: X-acto knife, scissors, 45-degree triangle, ruler, pencils, magazine images photographs and text for collage. We have enough to share, but having your own tools would be helpful."

Presented by Red Trillium Press / Aqui en la lucha. To register or for more information, please contact Steve Daiber at steve@redtrilliumpress.com or (413) 695-7990.

20. [Holly Near with John Bucchino and Special Guest Laura Love](#)

Saturday, Oct. 22, two shows: 2 and 8 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main Street, Northampton

Long-time political activist and entertainer Holly Near returns to the valley after a two-year break from touring. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets:

<http://uunorthampton.org> Produced by Wildrose Productions. For more information: BAWildrose@verizon.net

21. [Tenth Annual Translating Identity Conference](#)

Saturday, Oct. 22

Dudley H. Davis Center, University of Vermont

The Translating Identity Conference (TIC) explores a wide array of topics in discourses regarding gender and transgender identities, expressions, communities, and intersections. TIC is a free, student organized, non-profit conference that draws attendees from around the world.

This year's keynote speaker is Julia Serano, the author of *Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity*, a collection of personal essays that reveal how misogyny frames popular assumptions about femininity and shapes many of the myths and misconceptions people have about transsexual women.

22. ["They're Cutting . . . What?: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the 'New' Social Justice](#)

Fields in Today's Public Higher Education Funding Crisis"

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.

Amherst Room, 10th floor, UMass Campus Center

A panel discussion with:

Laura Briggs, Professor and Chair, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

Max Page, Professor Architecture & Design, author of /The Future of Higher Education/

Donna Johnson, President, University Staff Association

Sophia Zaman, Undergraduate Organizing Director, Center for Education Policy and Advocacy

Panelists will address the issues and potential problems posed by diminished funding for public higher education. What does this mean for students, for employees, for building intellectual and academic resources? How will it impact the 'new' fields of critical social inquiry, like Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, African American Studies, and Ethnic Studies? Where are the opportunities and the challenges?

23. [Howlin' Halloween LGBT Spooktacular!](#)

Sponsored by the LGBT Coalition of Western Mass.

Friday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m.-Midnight

Smith College Conference Center, Northampton

"Where will you be this Halloween? Having a Howlin' Good Time at our party, of course!! Great Prizes! Great dance music by DJ Rockin' Reenie. Check out the moon from our deck overlooking Paradise Pond at the beautiful Smith College Conference Center as we take over for our Spooktacular. Costume optional. Full bar.

\$12/advance, \$15/door. Students only \$10 with ID (18+). Tickets go on sale October 4 on our website (www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org) and select ticket outlets. This is a fundraiser for the LGBT Coalition."

24. [Northampton Mayoral Candidates Forum for the LGBT Community](#)

Saturday, Oct. 29, 3-5 p.m.

The State Room in The Center, 35 State Street, Northampton

Leading up to the November 8 election, the forum will give the audience a chance to ask questions of candidates Michael R. Bardsley and David J. Narkewicz related to the Northampton LGBT community, social justice and civil rights, and more general topics involving the mayor's office.

25. *Rocky Horror Show* Live Cast Performances with the Come Again Players

Saturday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. and Midnight

Academy of Music, Northampton

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more information:

http://www.academyofmusictheatre.com/event-calendar/events/?event_id=150

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