

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
October 28, 2011

UMASS 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) 545-4824. Open MWThF 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., open Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.]

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2. **Glee Watch Party -- 11/1, 8 p.m., Stonewall Center, UMass**
3. **LGBTQA UMass Graduate Student Meet and Greet -- 11/2, 7 p.m., Graduate Lounge, UMass Campus Center**
4. **Stonewall Movie Night: *A Single Man* -- 11/3, 9:30 p.m., Stonewall Center, UMass**
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1. [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*. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and UMass Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies.

2. [Glee Watch Party](#)

Thursday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

It's back, so we are back. Watch the new episode of the queerest show on network TV at the queerest place on campus! Refreshments provided. Come early for the talk and slideshow by queer artist k.d. diamond at 7 p.m. on "Drawing Sexuality and Gender in Comics."

3. [LGBTQA UMass Graduate Student Meet and Greet](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Graduate Lounge, UMass Campus Center

Meet new people in a relaxing LGBTQ-friendly environment. Come early to enter to win a raffle prize. Prospective graduate students over 21 are also invited to attend. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, the Graduate Women's Network, the Graduate Employees Organization, the Graduate Student Senate.

4. [Stonewall Movie Night: A Single Man](#)

Thursday, Nov. 3, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Based on a novel by Christopher Isherwood and directed by the legendary fashion designer Tom

Ford, *A Single Man* stars Colin Firth and Julianne Moore and was nominated for Best Picture and Best Actor in a Leading Role (Colin Firth). This deeply emotional film also received an 86% audience rating on "Rotten Tomatoes."

Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided.

5. ["Building Community in a Divide and Conquer Culture: Establishing Inter- and Intra-Faith Coalitions at the Intersections of Identity"](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

UMass Reading Room (across from Blue Wall in the Campus Center)

A panel discussion exploring strategies for coalition building at the crossroads of religion/spirituality, sex, race, and sexual orientation.

Panelists include:

- Vincent Cervantes, activist, ex-gay survivor, and graduate student at Harvard Divinity School
- Charla Kouadio, minister of Recovering the Promise Ministries in Springfield, MA
- Tynan Powers, founder of the Pioneer Valley Progressive Muslims
- Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser, Rabbinical student in the Jewish Renewal Movement and Jewish spiritual director

Facilitated by Katja Hahn d'Errico, Professor in the UMass Social Justice Education program

Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center, the Women of Color Leadership Network, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, and Residential Life.

6. [Nick Krieger Reading from His Memoir *Nina Here Nor There: My Journey Beyond Gender*](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

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

A native of New York, Nick Krieger realized at the age of twenty-one that he'd been born on the wrong coast, a malady he corrected by transitioning to San Francisco. His writing has earned several travel-writing awards and has been published in multiple travel guides. He aspires to be a stay-at-home dad (with or without kids), and spends his time practicing yoga, eating cereal, and queering all that he can. He holds an MFA from the University of San Francisco.

Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, Food For Thought Books, and UMass Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies.

7. [Free Film Screening: *against a trans narrative*](#)

with filmmaker Jules Roskam and a panel of transgender activists

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Unitarian Society, 220 Main St., Northampton

"Blending fiction, nonfiction, and experimental film genres, against a trans narrative employs a gender-busting combination of intimate diary footage, stylized dramatic scenes, spoken word performance, faux audition tapes, and roundtable interview footage to explore and initiate a dialogue between feminists, queers, and transfolk about the way we construct personal and historical narratives. Careful attention is paid to the ways generation, race, class, and culture impact our understandings of gender."

Sponsored by the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts (www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org) and the UMass Stonewall Center.

8. Pioneer Valley Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

A candlelight march will proceed to the Unitarian Society for a speak-out and reception.

Sponsored by First Churches, the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts, the Stonewall Center, and the Everywoman's Center.

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9. 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.

10. 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."

11. [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.

12. [Rocky Horror Show Live Cast Performances with the Come Again Players](#)

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

Academy of Music, Northampton

"Both shows will be presented with a live shadow cast, pre-shows, and all the audience participation you expect from the original cult classic experience. Crap kits will be available filled with all the favorite props. Costuming is encouraged. Time Warp the night away and show us what a Sweet Transvestite you are! A portion of the proceeds of the show will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of a beloved cast member lost to the disease."

Ticket prices are \$14, \$12 for students. To purchase, contact the Academy Box Office, Open Tuesday - Friday, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM 413-584-9032 x105 (Service fees may apply with purchase) or online at <http://academyofmusictheatre.tix.com>. For more information, see the Academy website: <http://www.academyofmusictheatre.com/>

The Come Again Players are a Rocky Horror shadow cast based at the Tower Theaters in South Hadley, right across from Mount Holyoke College. They perform at their home theater the first Saturday of every month. <http://www.comeagainplayers.org/RHPS/Home.html>

13. [UMass Vagina Monologues Interest Meeting](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

UMass Campus Center, Room 904-08

"*The Vagina Monologues* is a play written by Eve Ensler and performed by thousands of communities every year in February or March to raise money for VDAY, a foundation whose goal is to end violence against women and girls globally. Come find out more about VDAY, *The Vagina Monologues*, and how you can get involved. No theater experience is necessary. Auditions will be held on Nov 14-16. For more information, visit Vday.org or email us at umassvagina2012@gmail.com"

14. [Whitney Battle-Baptiste Reading from *Black Feminist Archaeology*](#)

Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.

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

Whitney Battle-Baptiste is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. An historical archaeologist of African and Cherokee descent, she has done fieldwork at Colonial Williamsburg, the Hermitage, the W. E. B DuBois homestead, and other sites.

15. [Julia Serano, "Putting the Feminine Back into Feminism"](#)

Monday, November 7, 8:30-10 p.m.

Paino Lecture Hall, Beneski Earth Sciences Building, Amherst College

As a feminist, biologist and femme-identified trans woman, Julia has a unique perspective on feminine gender expression. In this free talk, she moves beyond questions of "nature vs. nurture," and challenges the popular tendency in our culture to denigrate and sexualize feminine gender expression. In addition to critiquing both sexist and certain feminist interpretations of femininity, Julia offers new potential directions for femme politics and activism.

For a map of the Amherst College campus, visit <https://www.amherst.edu/map/>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=105631346213920>

More info: pridealliance@amherst.edu

16. [Organizing Meeting for the Third Annual Five College Queer Sexuality and Gender Conference](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Center For Feminisms, Enfield Hall, Hampshire College

The conference is a student-driven event run by and for the LGBTQA community. Last year, more than 500 people attended. In 2012, the conference will be on March 31.

17. [PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter \(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays\) Meeting](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m.

Conference Room, Highland Valley Elder Services, 320 Riverside Dr., Northampton

(also meeting in Ashfield on Oct. 27 from at the First Congregational Church on Main Street)

For more information: (413) 625-6636, jcmalinski48@gmail.com, and on Facebook under "PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter."

18. [Jeff Sheng: "Fearless"](#)
Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
Friends Room, Athletics Building, Amherst College

Photographer Jeff Sheng talks about his exhibition "Fearless," a series of portraits of out LGBT athletes on high school and college sports teams. View the exhibition and hear from the artist. (see <http://fearlesscampustour.org/Home.html>). Free and open to the public.

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More info: pridealliance@amherst.edu

19. [Transcending Boundaries Conference: "Beyond the Binary"](#)
Friday, Nov. 11 – Sunday, Nov. 13
Mass Mutual Center, Springfield

For more information: <http://www.transcendingboundaries.org>; contact the Stonewall Center at stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu to receive a discount on the registration fee.

20. [Pioneer Valley Gay Wedding Expo](#)
Saturday, Nov. 12, 4-8 p.m.
Garden House at Look Park, 300 North Main St., Florence

Meet LGBT-owned and/or LGBT-friendly wedding service providers. Pre-registration required, \$5 entry fee. For more information or to register: www.pioneervalleygayweddingexpo.com

21. [GAP: Amherst College's Free LGBTQIA Party](#)
Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.
Basement of Hamilton House (Rt. 9, not far from PVTA bus stop), Amherst College

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[Please note that while there will be student security at the door who are required to pat down all entering the party, you may self-select which security staff member will conduct the pat down (i.e. you will not be required to go to a staff member of a particular gender)].

More info: pridealliance@amherst.edu

22. [East Coast FTM Group Transgiving Dinner Potluck](#)
Sunday, Nov. 13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

"Let's talk about what we are grateful for over dinner with other trans men. Your 'price of admission' is food to share with about a dozen people. This is an alcohol-free event and

vegetarian: no meat, fish, or poultry, please.

This event is 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, or on Facebook at "East Coast FTM Group."

23. [Springfield Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

Friday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

Baystate Health Cafeteria, 3300 Main St., Springfield

Sponsored by UniTy of the Pioneer Valley. For more information, go to the group's page on Facebook .

24. [Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus Concert](#)

Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Unitarian Society, 220 Main St., Northampton

"The Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus will 'seize the day' on Saturday, November 19, with its first concert of the 2011-2012 season. Taking the theme 'Seize the Day!' (after the song from the movie *Newsies*), the Chorus will present a musical kaleidoscope, ranging from Hollywood and Broadway musicals through pop hits and folk song arrangements. The current concert will include a large selection of the PVGMC repertoire, some of which have been composed specifically for the Chorus. Further information specifically about the November 19th concert and generally about the Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus (new members always welcome) is available at pvgmc.org.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$12 per person, or \$8 for seniors and students. Those who donate canned goods for the Northampton Survival Center receive a \$1 discount, and chaperoned children under 12 may attend at no cost."

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