

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
November 4, 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.]

1. **"Building Community in a Divide and Conquer Culture: Establishing Inter- and Intra-Faith Coalitions at the Intersections of Identity"** -- 11/8, 7 p.m., UMass Reading Room
2. **Glee Watch Party** -- 11/8, 8 p.m., Stonewall Center, UMass
3. **Nick Krieger Reading from His Memoir *Nina Here Nor There: My Journey Beyond Gender*** -- 11/15, 7 p.m., Food For Thought Books, Amherst
4. **Free Film Screening: *against a trans narrative*** -- 11/17, 7 p.m., Unitarian Society, Northampton
5. **Pioneer Valley Transgender Day of Remembrance** -- 11/20, 5:30 p.m., First Churches, Northampton

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. **Julia Serano, "Putting the Feminine Back into Feminism"** -- 11/7, 8:30 p.m., Paino Lecture Hall, Amherst College
7. **Organizing Meeting for the Third Annual Five College Queer Sexuality and Gender Conference** -- 11/8, 7 p.m., Center For Feminisms, Hampshire College
8. **PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Meeting** -- 11/8, 6-8 p.m., Highland Valley Elder Services, Northampton
9. **Jeff Sheng: "Fearless"** -- 11/10, 8 p.m., Athletics Building, Amherst College
10. **Jock GAP: Amherst College's Free LGBTQIA Party** -- 11/11, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Basement of Hamilton House, Amherst College
11. **Transcending Boundaries Conference: "Beyond the Binary"** -- 11/11-11/13, Mass Mutual Center, Springfield
12. **Pioneer Valley Gay Wedding Expo** -- 11/12, 4-8 p.m., Garden House at Look Park, Florence
13. **East Coast FTM Group Transgiving Dinner Potluck** -- 11/13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
14. **UMass *Vagina Monologues* Auditions** -- 11/14-11/16, 7-9 p.m.
15. **Springfield Transgender Day of Remembrance** -- 11/18, 6 p.m., Baystate Health, Springfield
16. **Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus Concert** -- 11/19, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Society, Northampton
17. **LGBTQA Open Mic Night** -- 11/28, 7-8:30 p.m., The Bing Art Center, Springfield
18. **Hampshire College Queer Jews and Allies Conference Registration Now Open**
19. **Call for Women to Participate in a Hampshire Student's Documentary on "Girl Policing"**

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1. ["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, gender, gender identity, 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.

2. [Glee Watch Party](#)

Thursday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Watch the new episode of the queerest show on network TV at the queerest place on campus! Refreshments provided.

3. [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.

4. [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.

5. 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.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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

7. 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.

8. [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."

9. [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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10. [Jock GAP: Amherst College's Free LGBTQIA Party](#)

Friday, Nov. 11, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.
Basement of Hamilton House (Rt. 9, not far from PVTA bus stop), Amherst College

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

[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

11. [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.

12. [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

13. [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."

14. [UMass Vagina Monologues Auditions](#)

Nov. 14-16, 7-9 p.m.

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. Auditions will be held on Nov 14-16. No theater experience is necessary, and no need to prepare anything. You need only audition once on the night of your choice. For location or more information, email umassvagina2012@gmail.com

15. [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 .

16. 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."

17. LGBTQA Open Mic Night

Monday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

The Bing Art Center, 716 Sumner Ave., Springfield

Open Mic Night is free and open to any poets, writers, singers, dancers, groups, and MCs interested in showcasing/performing/hosting. Individuals and groups are encouraged to pre-register by emailing Nroman87@gmail.com or Diego.angarita@gmail.com. This event will continue on the last Monday of each month.

18. Hampshire College Queer Jews and Allies Conference Registration Now Open

"Join us for the Queer Jews and Allies Conference at Hampshire College on Sunday, December 4th. This free, day-long 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. 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."

Register for the conference:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/queerjewsandalliesregistration>

More information about the conference:

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

Contact us: queerjewsandallies@hampshire.edu

19. [Call for Women to Participate in a Hampshire Student's Documentary on "Girl Policing"](#)

"I'm looking for self-identified women of all ages to interview for my Division III thesis documentary. Specifically, I'm seeking participants who have experienced being judged for their appearance, behavior, or life choices by another female and who would be willing to answer questions for my documentary, tentatively titled 'The Girl Police.' Interviews should take approximately an hour, including set up, and I can film in my apartment in Sunderland or shoot the interview at any location in the Western Mass area. Unfortunately, I cannot provide financial compensation but all participants will get a copy of the film, baked goods/wine/dinner, and my undying gratitude. More information on the project can be found at <http://thegirlpolice.tumblr.com/#>. If you are interested or want to know more about the project please contact me atgrc08@hampshire.edu"

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