

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
November 24, 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. **World AIDS Day HIV Testing -- 12/1, Noon-3:30 p.m., UMass Campus Center 101**
2. **Free Film Screening: *We Were Here: The AIDS Years in San Francisco* -- 12/1, 7 p.m., UMass Campus Center 101**
3. **LGBTQ & Ally Coffeehouse & Open Mic -- 12/2, 7-9 p.m., Food For Thought Books, Amherst**
4. **Limelight Series Winter Ball -- 12/3, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Newman Center, UMass**
5. **Finals Week Film Break: *Imagine Me & You* and *I Love You Phillip Morris* -- 12/11, 6-9:30 p.m., Stonewall Center, UMass**
6. **Spring 2012 LGBT-Related Courses Being Offered by the Five Colleges**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. **LGBTQA Open Mic Night -- 11/28, 7-8:30 p.m., The Bing Art Center, Springfield**
8. **Pride At Work: LGBTQ Leadership Training -- 12/2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Northampton**
9. **"Jock" GAP: Amherst College's LGBTQIA Party -- NEW DATE: 12/3, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Basement of Hamilton Hall, Amherst College**
10. **Queer Jews and Allies Conference -- 12/4, Hampshire College**
11. **Dance in Red: A Benefit for AIDS Care Northampton -- 12/9, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Fine Arts Center Lobby, UMass**
12. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "Your Whole Self" -- 12/11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
13. **Women and Friends Afternoon Tea Dance -- 12/11, 3-7 p.m., Smith College Conference Center**
14. **PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Meeting -- 12/13, 6-8 p.m., Highland Valley Elder Services, Northampton**
15. **UMass Spring Course on Having Dialogues across Race, Ethnicity, and Gender**
16. **Gay and Bisexual Men Sought for UMass Student Research Study**

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1. **World AIDS Day HIV Testing**
Thursday, Dec. 1, Noon-4 p.m.
101 UMass Campus Center

Free and anonymous. 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.

2. Free Film Screening: *We Were Here: The AIDS Years in San Francisco*

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

UMass Campus Center 101

Western Massachusetts premiere! *We Were Here* documents the coming of what was called the "Gay Plague" in the early 1980s. It illuminates the profound personal and community issues raised by the AIDS epidemic, as well as the broad political and social upheavals it unleashed. The film offers a cathartic validation for the generation that suffered through, and responded to, the onset of AIDS and opens a window of understanding to those who have only the vaguest notions of what transpired in those years.

Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center, the UMass Center for Health Promotion, Tapestry Health, and the UMass Pride Alliance.

3. LGBTQ & Ally Coffeehouse & Open Mic

Friday, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m.

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

Free coffee, tea, and food. Raffle prizes. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, Food For Thought Books, and People's Market in the UMass Student Union.

4. Limelight Series Winter Ball

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Newman Center, UMass

Free and open to students. Come dance with DJ Sam Liu. Look sharp in semi-formal attire. Relax and just have fun. You deserve it!

This dance is hosted by the Limelight Series Committee, which wants to offer fun events for students on weekends. Committee members: the Campus and Community Coalition, the Stonewall Center, Campus Recreation, Office of Fraternities and Sororities, the Center for Health Promotion, and the Newman Student Association.

5. Finals Week Film Break: *Imagine Me & You* and *I Love You Phillip Morris*

Sunday, Dec. 11, 6-9:30 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Join Stonewall for one last movie night this semester. We are playing a double feature. At 6, we are showing the film *Imagine Me & You* followed by free pizza around 7:30 and then our second flick *I Love You Phillip Morris* at around 8. It is not necessary to attend both, but we think both are wonderful and hilarious movies.

6. [Spring 2012 LGBT-Related Courses Being Offered by the Five Colleges](#)
See <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/courses>

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [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.

8. [Pride At Work: LGBTQ Leadership Training](#)
Friday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
MNA Region Council 1, 241 King Street, Suite 226, Northampton

Free, and allies are welcomed. Co-Sponsored by UAW Region 9A, Pride At Work, and UAW Local 2322. To register, please contact Roberto Garcia-Ceballos: diversity@geouaw.org

9. ["Jock" GAP: Amherst College's LGBTQIA Party](#)
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.
Basement of Hamilton Hall (on Route 9, close to PVTA bus stop), Amherst College

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).

For a map of the Amherst College campus, visit <https://www.amherst.edu/map>. Questions? email pridealliance@amherst.edu

Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=198657836876909>

10. [Queer Jews and Allies Conference](#)
Sunday, Dec. 4, beginning at 10 a.m.
Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

"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."

More information about the conference:

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

11. [Dance in Red: A Benefit for AIDS Care Northampton](#)

Friday, Dec. 9, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Fine Arts Center Lobby, UMass

Sponsored by the UMass Pride Alliance.

12. [East Coast FTM Group Meeting](#)

Sunday, Dec. 11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Discussion topic: "Your Whole Self"

"One of the common things that others do to trans people is to reduce us to that one characteristic – our gender expression or gender identity or even our anatomy. Let's not do that to ourselves! Let's talk about and celebrate other aspects of our identities and our lives. This meeting will be the exception to the rule as we talk about everything other than being trans. Bring your whole self to share!

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.

13. [Women and Friends Afternoon Tea Dance](#)

Sunday, Dec. 11, 3-7 p.m.

Smith College Conference Center, 51 College Lane

Tunes by Rockin' Rainey, cash bar, \$10 admission. Sponsored by the LGBT Coalition of Western Mass.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6-8 p.m.

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

(also meeting in Ashfield on Dec. 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 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."

15. [UMass Spring Course on Having Dialogues across Race, Ethnicity, and Gender](#)

EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities

"This 4-credit General Education/Diversity (SB) (U) undergraduate course offers you the opportunity to engage in facilitated conversations across differences of race, ethnicity, gender and other social identities. In diverse small groups, you will explore differences and commonalities and examine contentious issues and opportunities for intergroup collaboration using dialogic methods.

Sections meet on Thursdays from 4:00-6:30, and also on Saturday, Feb 25th for a one-day class retreat from 9:00 to 5:00. The course runs for ten weeks, beginning Thursday, February 2nd and ending on April 19th.

For more information or to submit a placement for the class, please visit the course web site, <http://people.umass.edu/educ202-xzuniga>. Students must fill out a placement form in order to register for this class. For questions, please e-mail us at umassdialogues@gmail.com or call 413-545-5799. EDUC 202 is co-sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success (CMASS)."

16. [Gay and Bisexual Men Sought for UMass Student Research Study](#)

"If you self-identify as both male and gay or bisexual, your input is wanted for a study researching the intersections of gender and sexual orientation. All participants will be asked to write a short narrative and be part of a one hour interview. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Andrew McGeehan at amcgeeha@gw.housing.umass.edu"

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

