

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
January 27, 2012

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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1. Robyn Ochs, "Bisexuality 101 and Beyond"
Thursday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m.
Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall, Amherst College

"What is bisexuality? What does it mean to identify as bisexual? What are some of the challenges to understanding and representing this often overlooked segment of the LGBT community? Please join us for a lively presentation by award-winning speaker, writer, and educator Robyn Ochs. Bring your own list of myths: we'll analyze them a bit and explore their origins."

Sponsored by the Amherst College Pride Alliance.

2. Robyn Ochs, "Embracing a Both/And Identity in an Either/Or World"
Friday, Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
UMass Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

"Having any sexual orientation or gender identity comes with its own baggage; there are particular issues faced by people who identify as bisexual, pansexual, genderqueer, or who use other labels that defy an either/or interpretation of the world. Together we will examine these issues and devise strategies to proudly 'be all that we can be.'"

Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center.

3. Where's Love 101?: "Let's Talk About Sex"
Tues., Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, 174-76

A panel discussion with couples of different ages, races, genders, and sexual orientations. Open to the public. Refreshments and door prizes provided. Sponsored by the Women of Color Leadership Network, the Stonewall Center, the Student Legal Services Office, the GSS Graduate

Women's Network, and University Health Services. For more information: (413) 545-1671, wocln@stuaf.umass.edu

4. Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing for Valentine's Day
Tuesday, Feb. 14, Noon-3:30
UMass Campus Center, 162-75

Open to all. No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Tests conducted by Tapestry Health.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Catalan Lesbian and Gay Film Festival/Class at UMass

From Jordi Dosaiguas Falco, Lecturer of Catalan:

"As a lecturer of Catalan Studies at UMass and responsible for the IV Catalan Film Festival I am glad to invite you to participate in this event running this spring semester. In this edition the festival will be dedicated to the gay and lesbian Catalan cinema. A wide range of films from different directors as Ventura Pons, Cesc Gay, Marta Ballebó-Coll or Agustí Villaronga will be shown. See the program below:

- February 7: Ocaña, retrat intermitent
- February 14: Costa Brava
- February 21: Carícies
- March 6: Amic/Amat
- March 27: El Mar
- April 3: Kràmpack
- April 24: Barcelona, un mapa

Although the film festival will be open to everyone attending, the festival is related to both Catalan Culture and Catalan Cinema courses offered by the Catalan Studies Program at UMass and taught in the Herter Hall, so let me encourage you to enroll for the courses Spanish-397J-Catalan Culture (2 credits) and Spanish-597T-Catalan Cinema (1 credit). You will get to know the culture of the Catalan-speaking territories and enjoy the 4th edition of the Catalan Film Festival, this year devoted to the Catalan gay and lesbian cinema.

Students enrolled in Catalan Cinema and attending the film festival will be rewarded with 1 credit. They will be asked to enroll with pass/fail grading in the course Spanish-597T-Catalan Cinema on SPIRE. Notice that the course does not start until February 7 and class does not take place every week. Undergraduate students will be asked to participate in the discussions right after each film. Graduate students will be asked to prepare an introduction for one of the films shown and moderate its discussion. Films will be assigned to graduate students on a first-come, first-served basis. So email me as soon as possible for film assignment.

The film festival is not only directed to Catalan students but also to anyone willing to discover our cinema. Films will be subtitled in English and students will be free to use English in introductions and discussions."

6. AIDS Foundation of Western MA Viva! Gala
Friday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m.
Log Cabin Meeting House, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke

Entertainment by Randy Roberts, live and silent auctions. Tickets are available at www.aidsfoundationwm.org or (413) 301-0955.

7. Out For Reel Film: Kiss Me
Saturday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Academy of Music Theater, Northampton

New England Premiere! The new lesbian hit film from Sweden. Synopsis: "Love can blossom at the most inopportune moments - and that's what happens to soon-to-be stepsisters, Mia and Frida, two thirty-something professionals who meet at the engagement party of Frida's mother and Mia's father. Their attraction is totally unexpected and when their secret sparks turn to true love, everyone's world is turned upside down. The acting is strong, the cinematography is beautiful, and even the subtitles are easy on the eyes!"

Trailer and tickets available at www.OutForReel.org

Out For Reel Gala After Party
Saturday, Jan. 28, 8:45 p.m.-Midnight
Hotel Northampton Grand Ballroom

Hot dance music, free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, room to socialize, and free parking
Tickets: \$6 with film stub, \$8.50 advance - party only, \$10 door

8. Free Screening of Chutney Popcorn

Sunday, Jan. 29, 1 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St. Northampton

"The USNF Big Ol' Gay Committee invites everyone to join us for the next installment of the Big Ol' Gay Film Series. On Sunday (1/22), we'll host a free screening of the film, Chutney Popcorn [unrated]. We'll provide popcorn and beverages—you can bring your lunch. There will be an opportunity to share thoughts about the film afterwards. The BOG Film Series aims to offer opportunities for all (LGBT or not) to learn about and celebrate the diversity of LGBT lives in a supportive environment full of fun, humor and acceptance. In the film, an Indian-American lesbian named Reena faces the disapproval of her family because of her sexual orientation. When her heterosexual, married sister discovers she can't pregnant, Reena decides to help by becoming a surrogate mother. Can this bring her closer to her family and help them change their view of her? Join us to find out!"

9. "Stories of Our LGBT Ancestors: Anna de Naucaze and Ye Rose Tree Inn, 1908-1923"

Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 p.m.

The Carroll Room, Smith College Campus Center, Northampton

A romantic tale about a gender non-conforming Northampton mover-and-shaker, one vivacious partner, "the Virago," and the tearoom they owned at 252 Bridge Street, Northampton. Presented by Bet Power, Executive Director of the Sexual Minorities Educational Foundation, and Elizabeth Kent, a Smith College student.

\$10 general admission, \$5 seniors and students, free for those age 18 and younger. Proceeds benefit the Sexual Minorities Educational Foundation. The Sexual Minorities Archives is a national collection of LGBTIQ literature, history, and art located in Northampton. For more information: sexualminorities.archives@yahoo.com or (413) 584-7616.

10. Susan Blauner, "Breaking the Suicide Cycle: A Road to Personal Empowerment"

Thursday, February 9, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Garden House at Look Park, Florence

A workshop on clear, accessible suicide prevention strategies, self-care tips, encouragement, and

hope by award-winning educator Susan Blauner. She is the author of *How I Stayed Alive When My Brain Was Trying to Kill Me: One Person's Guide to Suicide Prevention*, and will do a book signing following the event.

Sponsored by Tapestry Health. Please RSVP by January 30th to rreardon@tapestryhealth.org or 413-586-2016 x 137. Lunch provided.

11. Heart to Heart Valentine's Benefit Dance
Saturday, Feb. 11, 8-Midnight
Smith College Conference Center, 51 College Lane, Northampton

Sponsored by the LGBT Coalition of Western MA. This dance benefits the Shining Star Scholarship Fund for LGBT youth. Music by DJ Rockin' Reenie. \$10/advance \$15/door. For tickets or more information: www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org or (413) 588-1018. Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/190462021050776/>

12. Smith College Vagina Monologues
Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.
John M. Greene Hall, Smith College

Tickets: \$10 General Admission (on sale in the Smith College Campus Center) and \$5 for Smith students (available through houses). Sure to sell out, so get tickets early. Proceeds benefit Safe Passage in Northampton.

13. East Coast FTM Group Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
Discussion topic: "The Costs of FTM Transition"

"At this meeting we'll go over the financial costs of transitioning from a female to a male body, and ideas about how to plan for and manage the expenses. Also, we'll discuss costs that are not monetary – what are they? Do we 'pay' for transitioning in other ways?"

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.

14. Workshop and Panel Proposals Are Now Being Accepted for the Third Annual Five-College Queer, Gender, and Sexuality Conference (to be held on Saturday, March 31)

"In this free daylong conference student leaders and off-campus educators team up to offer workshops, panels and more; addressing crucial but often ignored topics surrounding sexuality and gender. This is a fun and welcoming conference our goal is to provide a safe, engaging, and much-needed learning environment.

The organizing committee will select workshops based on the thoughtfulness of the proposals while offering a comprehensive range of topics to attendees. Please complete a different form for each proposed workshop/panel. Each session will run for 75 minutes. Proposals must be submitted by midnight on Sunday, February 12th.

Submit proposals here
<http://edu.surveygizmo.com/s3/745205/Queer-Sexuality-and-Gender-Conference-2012-Workshop-Proposal>

Updated information can be found on our Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/events/183446758393396/>

Information our previous conferences, including workshops, can be found on our webpage.
www.hampshire.edu/studentlife/Five-College-Queer-Gender-and-Sexuality-Conference.htm

Contact: queerconf@hampshire.edu. Sponsored by the Queer Community Alliance Center at Hampshire College"

15. New Group: Queer Non-Gestational Parents Group
4th Sunday of each month (beginning this month), 2:30-4 p.m.
Cradle, Thornes Marketplace, Northampton

"The Queer Non-Gestational Parents Group is a peer-led dialogue and support group to address the unique needs and experience of queer non-gestational parents. Everyone is welcome, from

those who are expecting to those who have older children. Children are always welcome and there are toys for infants and young children in the space. There is a \$5 suggested donation to help defray Cradle's expenses, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds."

16. UMass Faculty and Staff LGBTQ Support Group Accepting New Members

Sponsored by the UMass Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, this group is opening to new members starting on January 31 and will run through the end of April. We meet weekly to build community, support each other, have fun, and share resources. Meetings will be Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. in the Campus Center, Room TBA.

Please contact Luke Woodward at lwoodwa@uhs.umass.edu or call 545-0350 for more information or to register for the group.

JOB OPENINGS

17. Everywoman's Center Positions: Latina Advocate and Rural Counselor and Educator

Latina Advocate

"Everywoman's Center (EWC) is seeking a position who will work under the general supervision of the EWC Associate Director. The Latina Advocate develops, implements and evaluates culturally competent outreach and educational programs for the Latino community on issues of sexual and domestic violence. The Advocate provides direct services to Latino survivors and family members, friends and significant others, including short term counseling, advocacy, crisis intervention, and support groups. Collaborates with community and university programs serving the Latino community in order to provide outreach, receive referrals and strengthen community based programs overall.

Minimum Required Qualifications: Bilingual Spanish required, including conversational and written Spanish. Bachelors Degree in Sociology, Human Services or related field, at least one year post graduate experience to include training, outreach and direct service experience. Experience in developing and implementing culturally specific outreach programming. Demonstrated experience with the Latino community and knowledge of and experience with issues of sexual and domestic violence and excellent written and oral communication skills.

Ability to work independently and collaboratively with proficiency in Microsoft Office applications. Drivers License and access to a vehicle required. Position requires significant weekly evening and some weekend hours, and some travel.

This position is a 24 hours/week, grant funded position, with renewal beyond June 30, 2012, subject to legislation. Hiring salary range: \$23,660-\$28,608 Normal starting range: \$23,660-\$25,664

Send resume, cover letter and 3 letters of recommendation to Search R42811, Employment Office, Room 167 Whitmore Administration Building, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Review of resumes will begin on January 30, 2012, and will continue until position is filled."

Rural Counselor and Educator

"Everywoman's Center is currently seeking a Rural Counselor and Educator. This position is scheduled to begin as soon as possible, and will work under the general direction of the Associate Director of Rape Crisis and Violence Prevention Programs. Provides short term peer counseling, crisis intervention and medical and legal advocacy to adolescent and adult sexual assault survivors residing in designated rural communities of Hampshire County. Develops, implements and evaluates a culturally competent program of outreach, community awareness and prevention education addressing child sexual abuse, sexual assault and teen dating violence in designated rural communities of Hampshire County.

Minimum Required Qualifications: Bachelors Degree and two years related experience, demonstrated experience in developing, implementing and evaluating culturally competent outreach, peer counseling, community education and professional training on issues of sexual assault and domestic violence. Knowledge and experience with the unique needs and characteristics of rural communities. Some weekend and evening hours required and access to a car and valid drivers license.

This position is a 24 hours/week, grant funded position , with renewal beyond September 30, 2014, subject to legislation. Hiring salary range: \$23,660-\$28,608 Normal starting range: \$23,660-\$25,664

Send resume, cover letter and 3 letters of recommendation to Search R42808, Employment Office, Room 167 Whitmore Administration Building, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Review of resumes will begin on January 25, 2012, and will continue until position is filled."

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