

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
February 3, 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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2. **Where's Love 101?: "Let's Talk About Sex" -- 2/7, 7 p.m., 174-76 UMass Campus Center**
- 3 **Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing for Valentine's Day -- 2/14, Noon-3:30, 162-75 UMass Campus Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **Catalan Lesbian and Gay Film Festival/Class at UMass**
5. **Sexual Minorities Archives: "Stories of Our LGBT Ancestors: Anna de Naucaze and Ye Rose Tree Inn, 1908-1923" -- 2/5, 3 p.m., Smith College Campus Center, Northampton**
6. ***A Menopausal Gentleman: Book Launch and Hampshire College Tribute to Peggy Shaw* -- 2/8, 8 p.m., Red Barn, Hampshire College**
7. **Let the Body Speak: An Arts and Performance Project -- 2/10-2/12, 7:30 p.m., Emily Dickinson Hall, Hampshire College**
8. **Out for Reel's Lesbian Film Festival -- 2/11, Wright Hall, Smith College, Northampton**
9. **LGBT Coalition of Western MA's Heart to Heart Valentine's Benefit Dance -- 2/11, 8-Midnight, Smith College Conference Center**
10. **Smith College *Vagina Monologues* -- 2/11, 8 p.m., John M. Greene Hall, Smith College**
11. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "The Costs of FTM Transition" -- 2/12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
12. **PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Meeting 2/14, 6-8 p.m., Highland Valley Elder Services, Northampton**
13. **UMass Productions of *The Vagina Monologues* -- 2/16-2/18, 7 p.m., Bowker Auditorium**
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)**
15. **Everywoman's Center Support Groups for Female-Identified Survivors of Sexual Violence**
16. **New Group: Queer Non-Gestational Parents Group -- 4th Sunday of each month, 2:30-4 p.m., Cradle, Northampton**
17. **UMass Faculty and Staff LGBTQ Support Group Accepting New Members**

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1. [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.'"

Robyn Ochs is a professional speaker and workshop leader, award-winning activist, and the editor of the 42-country anthology, *Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World* (2nd edition) and the *Bi Women* newsletter. Her writings have been published in numerous bi, women's studies, multicultural, and GLBT anthologies.

2. [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

3. [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

4. [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 231 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."

5. "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.

6. "A Menopausal Gentleman: Book Launch and Hampshire College Tribute to Peggy Shaw"

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m.

Red Barn, Hampshire College

This event will honor playwright, performance artist, activist, and educator Peggy Shaw, in celebration of the recent publication of her collected solo plays *A Menopausal Gentleman: The Solo Performances of Peggy Shaw*

Shaw is the co-founder of the world renowned lesbian feminist theater company Split Britches, and an Obie award-winning performer and writer whose work has been revered for over three decades on Off-Broadway, regional, and international stages.

Shaw will talk informally about the book and invited Hampshire College professors, alums and students will read selections, alongside Shaw. Free and all welcome!

7. "Let the Body Speak: An Arts and Performance Project"

Feb. 10-12, 7:30 p.m.

Main Stage of Emily Dickinson Hall, Hampshire College

"Like the vagina monologues, each performer tells a story about the body. However, each piece is about their own bodies, performed, written and directed by themselves. Eighteen collaborators have created pieces of performance art, video, visual art, dance, and movement that delve into

their experiences of their bodies. Stories touch upon themes of memory, trauma, survival, desire, reclamation, and defiance."

Tickets: \$3 students/seniors, \$5 general admission. Proceeds benefit First Generation of Springfield and Sins Invalid of Berkeley, CA. For reservations, contact letthebodyspeak@gmail.com

8. [Out for Reel's Lesbian Film Festival](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11

Wright Hall, Smith College, Northampton

Two shows:

Kiss Me, 5:15-7 p.m.

Best Lesbian Shorts: Award-Winning Films, 7:20-8:40 p.m.

\$10 Advance / \$12 Door / \$15 Both Shows Advance / \$8 Student

Synopses / Tickets/ Info: OutForReel.org

9. [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/>

10. [Smith College Productions of *The 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.

11. [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.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6-8 p.m.

Highland Valley Elder Services in the Cutlery Building, 320 Riverside Dr., Northampton

For more information: (413) 625-6636 or jcmalinski48@gmail.com. On Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

13. [UMass Productions of *The Vagina Monologues*](#)

Feb. 16-18, 7 p.m., Bowker Auditorium

For more information: umassvagina2012@gmail.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.surveymzmo.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. [Everywoman's Center Support Groups for Female-Identified Survivors of Sexual Violence](#)

"Support, Connect, Heal"

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Amherst

10-week group beginning in March

"Explore healing with other survivors of sexual violence in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental space. The group will focus on topics such as isolation, shame, self-worth, triggers, trust, relationships, coping and the after-effects of trauma."

"Survivors Writing Group"

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., in Amherst

10-week group beginning in March

"This group is for writers and non-writers alike. It will focus on using writing to explore the experience of being a survivor. It will be a combination of writing and discussion."

Call for info. and a meeting with the group leaders: (413) 545-5839. Money for child care is available.

16. [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."

17. [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.

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