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STONEWALL CENTER

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1.

Come be a part of the UMASS CONTINGENT at NORTHAMPTON PRIDE 2006!  
 Are you a UMass Student, Alum, Faculty or Staff Member? Would you like to be a part of Northampton Pride on Saturday, May 6, 2006? If you want more information, or if you are interested in being a part of the group but did not make the meeting, email [melanie@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:melanie@stuaf.umass.edu) to let us know that you are interested!

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2.

The Stonewall Center's Queer Graduation and Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30PM in Memorial Hall Lounge!

We're in the midst of planning this year's special event! If you or anyone you know is graduating this year and wants to be a part of this annual celebration, please send an email to [melanie@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:melanie@stuaf.umass.edu) and let us know!

The Stonewall Center is pleased to announce our Stonewall Center Leadership Award. This is an annual award to recognize contributions to the UMass community by an LGBT student at UMass. The award carries with it a \$150 cash award. Any current UMass student (graduate or undergraduate) is eligible to be nominated. Awards will be made on May 16th, at the Annual Stonewall Center Recognition Event. For more information, or for an application or nomination form, email [melanie@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:melanie@stuaf.umass.edu). Completed nominations are due to The Stonewall Center on May 5, 2006.

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Come on down and check out The Stonewall Center! We have great resources, a full (and free!) lending library, and many other reasons to stop by! We are located at 256 Sunset Avenue, in Crampton Dorm on the UMass Amherst Campus!

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AREA EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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3.

Greenfield GLASS - weekly youth meeting - Wednesdays, 6-8pm at Community Action Youth Programs - 154 Federal Street, Greenfield transportation available - (413) 774-7028 ext. 104

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Drop-in and GAYmes!

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Drop-in, Social & Support Meeting 5:30 PM

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Drop-in, Pizza and a Movie!

All events are at the Pride Zone Too location in the Maplewood Shops, Northampton. Sponsored by Community Action! Youth Programs.

For more information, please contact

Alexander Pangborn:

[apangborn@communityaction.us](mailto:apangborn@communityaction.us) or

413-582-6930

Pride Zone Too is a BAGLY funded program

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5.

Being Positive: Faces of AIDS in Massachusetts

A Photography Exhibit

Cooley Dickinson Hospital Gallery, Northampton, MA

Being Positive: Faces of AIDS in Massachusetts will be on display, in the gallery at Cooley Dickinson Hospital through April 30.

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6.

Announcing Queerfest 2006!

The eleventh annual Queerfest will be held April 24th through April 27th. This week-long series of events works to both educate and entertain the queer community of the Pioneer Valley. All events are free and open to UMass students, 5 College students and the public. The events are as follows:

Tuesday - April 25th - Holocaust Remembrance Day cosponsored with the Jewish Student Union on the Library lawn

Wednesday - April 26th - Day of Silence then Speak Out at the Stonewall Center at 8pm

Thursday - April 27th - Bands and all sorts of carnival activities on the Library Lawn 12pm to 5pm, then Drag Ball in the Student Union Ballroom at 9:30pm

Hope to see you there! Please contact [umassqueerfest@yahoo.com](mailto:umassqueerfest@yahoo.com) for more info.

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7.

Tidbit, enough of a little, to know the all

A staged reading of new work by gay poet and playwright Richard Ballon

Several voices, multiple monologues, two plays, one poet, and just enough words.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 7:30-8:30  
At The Jones Library  
Large Meeting Room  
43 Amity Street,  
Amherst, MA

This event is free but is not suitable for young audiences.  
For more info, call: 413 253-0023

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8.

Dykes, Details and Dystopia

ALISON BECHDEL, creator of the syndicated comic "Dykes to Watch Out For", speaks about creating cartoons encompassing politics, identity, humor and community

4/26/06 at 7:30PM  
Blanchard Student Center, Mount Holyoke College  
True Colors and the Office of the Dean of Students  
Katie Sullivan  
[katsulli@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:katsulli@mtholyoke.edu)

Free and open to the five-college community!

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9.

Marching Towards Freedom:

Northampton's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride March

April 28 - May 14, 2006

An exhibit has been planned to commemorate the 25th annual LGBT Pride March and Rally in Northampton and to illuminate the march's history and importance in the Valley. The exhibit, Marching Towards Freedom, will be on view at Historic Northampton, at 46 Bridge Street, from Friday, April 28th through Sunday, May 14th. An opening reception will take place Friday, April 28th from

5-7 p.m. and will be free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Photographs and rare memorabilia highlighting the evolution of Northampton Pride will serve as a reminder of the struggles and victories of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community of the greater Northampton area. A visual timeline will chart the changes and overall growth of the Pride March in Northampton. A powerful early image of particular significance showing march participants with bags hiding their faces will be on display. One of the later images is a photograph of a lesbian couple that was married on stage last year at the rally in 2005.

"Northampton Pride is the foundation upon which the area's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community has been built. The history of our Pride marches mirrors the evolution of a people who, rising up from silence and oppression, built an edifice of freedom and full participation. To study this history is to learn about the struggle and come to know the choices, courage, and celebration along the way," says Bet Power, Director and Curator of the Sexual Minorities Archives in Northampton, MA.

In addition to the exhibit at Historic Northampton, there will be a booth with 25 years of Pride t-shirts on display and an oral history recording station for people to record their stories at the Pride Rally, Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Marching Towards Freedom will be an historically accurate and visually engaging exhibit for everyone. It is being made possible through a collaborative effort of Historic Northampton, Northampton Pride, Sexual Minorities Archives, and the Forbes Library. Exhibit Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 to 4, Saturday and Sunday 12-4.

Lisa Downing  
Assistant Director  
Forbes Library  
20 West Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
Phone 413-587-1017  
Fax 413-587-1015  
<http://www.forbeslibrary.org>

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10.  
Hampshire College's  
Reel Issues Friday Movie Series: Transamerica  
April 28 2006 @ 8:00 PM  
Franklin Patterson Main Lecture Hall  
Free Admission

Transamerica  
Bree, a born-again Christian and a pre-operative, male-to-female transsexual, holds down two jobs and saves every penny so that she can pay for one last operation that will make her a woman at last. One day, however, she receives a strange phone call. It appears that on the other side is Toby, apparently her son, who must be the product of a somewhat clumsy sexual encounter years ago when she was a man. He stays in New York, incarcerated. Bree flies from Los Angeles to New York in order to get the boy out of jail. At first she is reluctant to do so, but her therapist convinces her to face up to her past.

For More Information Contact: Stephen Pereira, Assistant Dean of Students, 559-6005 or [spereira@hampshire.edu](mailto:spereira@hampshire.edu)

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11.

All FTM spectrum-identified people are invited to an informal pick-up soccer game on April 29 at 2p.m. at UMass. This is a chance for some good ole male bonding! Sports skills are not required. We'll meet at the Stonewall Center (the bottom of Crampton Hall, 256 Sunset Ave.) and walk over to the fields across from Boyden as a group. Afterward, we'll go back to Stonewall for refreshments. For more information: [maray@student.umass.edu](mailto:maray@student.umass.edu).

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12.

Teaching Transgender: Talking about the Silent "T"

Sunday, April 30th  
11am to 3pm  
Stonewall Center  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Being supportive of LGBT students has recently become a hot topic for teachers. Gay-Straight Alliances have been springing up in schools around the state. But what does the silent "T" at the end of the acronym mean? How can teachers help the transgender and gender variant students who get left out of the picture?

Join other area high school teachers for a workshop on how to best serve transgender youth. We will become more familiar with transgender identities and needs, as well as learn concrete skills for making classrooms and schools safe for those students, and other students who do not fit within the rigid gender binary.

The workshop will be held at the Stonewall Center on the University of Massachusetts, Amherst campus from 11am to 3pm on Sunday April 30th. Lunch will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. for more information to Morgan Ray by April 25th, 774-287-9988 or email [maray@student.umass.edu](mailto:maray@student.umass.edu).

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13.

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, the Everywoman's Center will sponsor a Youth Outreach Event in Amherst featuring the Pioneer Valley Youth Clothesline Project. It will be located at the walk-way between the Unitarian Church and Bart's Ice Cream Shop from noon to 5pm. The Youth Clothesline Project is a display of t-shirts created by teens in the Pioneer Valley who have been affected by violence. The Project's purpose is to increase awareness and educate the community about the impact of violence on young people. Throughout the afternoon all will be encouraged to view the Clothesline Project. There will also be the opportunity for youth to create a t-shirt within a safe and confidential space. Counselor/Advocates from the Everywoman's Center will be available to assist those in need of emotional support. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and other local youth-serving agencies will be participating.

For further information about the event and the Clothesline Project,

please call Tanya Kachawa @ 413-577-6351

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14.

Come and celebrate the first annual Five College LGBT get-together for faculty and staff and their partners and friends.\*

Thursday, May, 11 2006  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Red Barn, Hampshire College

RSVP by May 1 to:

Amherst College: Judy Frank ([jefrank@amherst.edu](mailto:jefrank@amherst.edu))  
Hampshire College: Jacquelyn Jeffery ([jjeffery@hampshire.edu](mailto:jjeffery@hampshire.edu))  
Mount Holyoke College: Penny Gill ([pgill@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:pgill@mtholyoke.edu))  
Smith College: Rodger Blum ([rblum@email.smith.edu](mailto:rblum@email.smith.edu))  
or Martha Ackelsberg ([macklesb@email.smith.edu](mailto:macklesb@email.smith.edu))  
UMass Amherst: Richard Chu ([rtchu@history.umass.edu](mailto:rtchu@history.umass.edu))  
or Arlene Avakian ([avakian@wost.umass.edu](mailto:avakian@wost.umass.edu))

\*Please share this invitation with colleagues

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15.

WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP TO BEGIN IN MAY

Local writer Lesléa Newman is pleased to announce that starting in mid-May she will once again be offering a women's writing workshop called WRITE FROM THE HEART.

Suitable for beginning as well as experienced writers, the workshop takes the words of Muriel Rukeyser to heart: "If one woman told the truth about her life, the world would split open." Together, in a supportive, non-competitive setting, we will practice in-class writing exercises, learning how to express in words the emotional truths of our lives.

Lesléa Newman is an author and editor with fifty books to her credit including A Letter to Harvey Milk, She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not, Girls Will Be Girls and Still Life with Buddy. Her children's books include Hachiko Waits, Cats, Cats, Cats!, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs!, Matzo Ball Moon and Runaway Dreidel! She has been the recipient of grants from the Massachusetts Artists Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts

WRITE FROM THE HEART will be held on Wednesday evenings starting May 17th. The class will be held in Northampton and the fee for the six week course is \$180.00. For more information, call Lesléa Newman at (413)584-3865 or send an email to: [leslea@lesleakids.com](mailto:leslea@lesleakids.com).

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OTHER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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16.

Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition Eleventh Annual Festival  
Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2006  
Sponsoring Organization: Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition (BSCC)  
Seven Hills Inn and Resort, 40 Plunkett St., Lenox, MA  
BSCC Infoline 413-243-8484 Or Judith Nardacci 413-243-2382;  
[MssEnn@aol.com](mailto:MssEnn@aol.com)

The Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition will hold its Eleventh Annual Festival for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and friends on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the Seven Hills Inn and Resort, 40 Plunkett Street in Lenox.

The Festival opens Friday evening at 7:00 pm with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. At 8:00 pm, performer Tammy Faye Starlight will present "Born Again, Again", the show InNewsweekly calls "deliciously irreverent and offensive to all the people who need to be offended".

Following her performance there will be a dance from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am, with DJ Bob Cooper and a cash bar. You must be 18 to attend. Tickets for the show and dance are \$10; for the dance only, \$6.00.

The Festival continues on Saturday with exhibits, a silent auction, tea and cash bar beginning at 2:30 pm; and a live auction with auctioneer Cheryl Hutto from 3:30 to 5:30. Both auctions will feature art works, certificates to local restaurants, theater tickets, antiques, crafts, a stay at a vacation home, and much more.

Following a pre-dinner social with cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30, there will be a full-course dinner, with guest speaker Robyn Ochs, feminist, bisexual activist, author and professor of courses on bisexual identity. Tickets are available on a sliding scale from \$25 to \$55; all donations above the \$35 cost of the dinner are fully tax-deductible.

All Festival events are open to the public. For more information or to reserve dinner tickets, please call the BSCC Infoline at 413-243-8484.

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17.

Dear Friends,

We hope that you will join us for the 4th Pride and Passion Party on Saturday, April 29th at 6:30pm at the Skywalk, Prudential Building in Boston. Last year's event was amazing! We watched a gorgeous sun set on the city and the night lights turn on! Beautiful views! Great Food! Fabulous Entertainment! Fantastic Silent Auction! and the awarding of our Scholarship to two graduating high school seniors!

All proceeds benefit Greater Boston PFLAG's Safe Schools & Communities Project - we help schools and communities establish a safe atmosphere where all people, including GLBT people, can flourish and grow by providing faculty and student training on anti-gay name-calling and inclusive curriculums, by organizing and designing community events on Homosexuality and the Bible, Equal Marriage and Safe Schools. We train over 150 audiences each year - over 9,000 people!

Tickets are \$60. 18 and under - \$30 and under age 5- free.

Order your tickets today by phone: (781) 891-5966 Please have your credit card ready.

Or, Email your order to: [\\_pflagsafeschools@aol.com\\_](mailto:pflagsafeschools@aol.com)  
(<mailto:pflagsafeschools@aol.com>)

Or, Fax your order to: (781) 891-7444

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Order early if you want to make sure you're in! All tickets will be held at the door. \$8 reduced rate parking available at the Prudential from 5pm to 3am, bring ticket for validation.

Thank you for supporting Greater Boston PFLAG!

Sincerely,

Pam Garramone, M.Ed.

Executive Director, Greater Boston PFLAG

(781) 891-5966

[pflagsafeschools@aol.com](mailto:pflagsafeschools@aol.com)

[www.gbpflag.org](http://www.gbpflag.org)

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18.

GLSEN Boston - 16th Annual Conference - Building Respect - Empowering Youth

Harvard University - Saturday, April 29, 2006 - 9:00 - 4:30

Who: Educators, high school, middle school and college students, parents, administrators, counselors, coaches, youth leaders, policy makers, religious leaders and everyone who is committed to creating safety and teaching respect for all in our schools and communities.

Why: Network with other educators and students from around the northeast. Gain skills and information to create more inclusive school communities. Learn how to address harassment and anti-GLBT bias comments. Build alliances with administrators, parents and community members.

What: More than 50 workshops on topics such as: Ideas for Making Your GSA Strong, Finding a Role as a Straight Ally, Using Theater as a Way to Explore GLBT Issues in Schools, Responding to anti-GLBT bias in your School, Making the Link Between anti-GLBT bias and Other Forms of Oppression, Working With the Concerns of Parents and Other Community Members, Administrators Creating a Climate of Respect and Inclusion.

Keynote Speaker -- Anthony Rapp

Anthony Rapp originated the role of Mark Cohen in the Tony Award winning rock opera, Rent and he starred in the film version released in 2005. He has been out since high school and has been publicly out as an actor since 1992 (before Ellen!). Both personally and professionally Anthony Rapp has lived with integrity and honesty.

For more information and to register: [www.glsenboston.org](http://www.glsenboston.org)

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413-582-6930

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GLASS (Gay Lesbian and Straight Society)

youth support group @ Community Action Youth Programs

154 Federal Street

transportation available (413) 774-7028 ext. 104

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21.

This spring Everywoman's Center Counseling and Counselor Advocate Programs is sponsoring a drop-in discussion and support group for female survivors of sexual assault. The group is open to women from UMASS, the 5-College system, and the community. The drop-in group will be held every Wednesday evening, from 6pm to 7:30pm, beginning 2/22/06 and ending 4/26/06. It will be located in Wilder Hall, 2nd floor Counseling Services. For directions and more information, please call counseling services at 413-577-0077. If you are deaf or hard of hearing or a person with a disability who requires accommodations, please call Becky Lockwood at 413-545-5832(voice); 413-545-0800(TTY/voice); or email [rlockwood@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:rlockwood@stuaf.umass.edu)

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22.

Beyond Men and Women -- Gender Diversity Group

Meeting in Putney/Brattleboro Area

Once a week for six weeks:  
Wednesdays, April 12 through May 17, 6-8 PM.

Personal sharing, experiential exercises and games, discussion,  
reading, writing, and whatever else we decide to do together.

Proposed Topics for Exploration include:

How gender is constructed; The differences -- and relationships -- between sex,  
gender identity, gender expression, sexuality and orientation; Alternatives to  
the binary (men/women) gender system; Gender and religion, spirituality, media,  
class, economics, and politics.

Open to adults of all genders, identities, and orientations.

"If you claim an identity, we take you at your word, and ask that you do the  
same for all other participants."

Facilitator:

Benjamin Robin has been participating in and leading "Gender & Deep Ecology" and  
"Gender Reconciliation" workshops for the past 15 years. Sie is currently  
engaged in writing about gender diversity and developing new gender awareness  
processes -- which participants in this group will get to experience.

Cost: \$0-20/session, \$0-100 for the series, more if you can less if you can't.

Know someone you think might be looking for something like this?  
Please forward this announcement to them.

Want to know more?

Sound like a group you might want to join?

Contact:

Benjamin Robin  
P.O. Box 163  
Putney VT 05346  
U.S.A.

[robin@benjaminrobin.net](mailto:robin@benjaminrobin.net)

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POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

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23.

Go to <http://www.massequality.org> for important updates on how you can help!

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HOUSING

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24.

GRADUATE STUDENT LOOKING FOR HOUSING!!!

Responsible, educated, honest, peaceful, calm, cultured, sincere, loyal, caring

and loving are some of the adjectives people have used to describe me in the past. I'm a graduate student in the School of Education looking for housing for late August 06. I have been away from school for the past couple of years, but looking to come back this September. I'm an out-of-the-closet gay male, who respects people and admires those who respect me. I have a two year old yellow labrador named Tucker. Tucker is the sweetest and most lovable dog in the world. He is also obedient, smart and loving.

I am looking to rent a room in a house, apartment or guest house in the Northampton, Longmeadow and/or Amherst area. If you think you can have me and Tucker at your place, please call me at 413/687-3224. I promise you, me and Tucker will be the best tenants in the world! Please call me!

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25.

House to Share in Southampton

Looking for roommate in gay friendly, non-smoking home. Perfect for responsible student or professional. Large home and yard. Ten minutes from Mass Pike, NOHO, and 91. Large bedroom with hardwood floors. Available immediately. \$450 plus utilities. Contact Sue (413) 527-6461

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26.

Room for rent in 2 bedroom apartment in North Amherst. 2 miles from the UMASS campus, on busline. If you are a studious, quiet person in your thirties or older, willing to live in a largely tv-free household with stressed out Ph. D. candidate (who will be trying her best to treat you with all the kindness and respect you certainly deserve - it's a promise!), then you might just be the roommate for me. The rent is 430 per month, plus electricity. Pets (with exception of cats) negotiable. Please respond to: [bfaehmel@yahoo.com](mailto:bfaehmel@yahoo.com)

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27.

Rooms available in fantastic house:

Luna House is a cooperative 4 bedroom house in Florence with rooms opening up starting May 1st. Singles and couples are welcome to apply.

Luna house is spacious 3 story house with off-street parking and a pretty garden plot along the side of the house. We are located near downtown Florence (five minutes from Northampton). Rent includes washer & dryer, and a nice attic, garage and basement (plenty of storage). We're a cooperative so we buy food together, share house chores and take turns making a vegan dinner once a week. (don't be too worried about the cooperative part, it is lots of fun and the responsibilities are minimal!)

Gardeners, farmers, activists, holistic healers, and food enthusiasts encouraged to apply! Luna house is kept relatively clean but not annoyingly so! We are looking for someone who considers themselves responsible,

fun, and perhaps a good cook.

We are looking for someone who is:

socially conscious  
queer friendly  
willing to live in a vegan household.  
not allergic to cats!  
mature and responsible, with passion for life and a sense of humor!

Contact Megan (413) 584-5862

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28.

I have a room available in my townhouse at Granby Heights. It is located on the bus rt 116 between Atkins Farms and Mt Holyoke College. Very spacious in a quiet community. Washer and dryer in basement. It has a swimming pool basket ball and tennis courts and biking/hiking trails. rent is 270+ .  
For more info contact [Ptowns4me@yahoo.com](mailto:Ptowns4me@yahoo.com)

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29.

Graduate student looking for a place to share in Amherst Center. Quiet, athletic, progressive, responsible. Please contact Kevin, 256-1984, [kjeddings@yahoo.com](mailto:kjeddings@yahoo.com)

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30.

**\*Looking for House/Apartment\***

I'm a 28 yr.old Queer UMass student, and I'm looking for an affordable apartment or fabulous new roommate(s) with an available room. I heart the arts, especially fiber and metals, being a vegetarian (you don't have to be, but yippee if you are), gender studies, social justice issues, books, good movies, and good music.

The details of what I hope to find:

\$300 max. rent no utilities, or \$450 inclusive  
On/near the bus line  
On/near the bike path or rail trail for bonus points  
Off street parking  
sunlight  
near grass and trees  
either a big bedroom or a bedroom and additional space for a small studio set up (nothing toxic, mostly for fiber arts/sewing/felting)  
a place I can bring my two indoor cats would be ideal  
Northampton/Amherst area

If you know of or have a lovely space that fits any/all of these descriptives, drop me a line. Thanks! Beth [knittingstars@yahoo.com](mailto:knittingstars@yahoo.com)

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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One Full Time: Area Coordinator/LGBTQA Coordinator: Along with three other Area Coordinators, this position is responsible for the training and supervision of the large Resident Counselor staff (approximately 56 undergraduates). Responsibilities will also include directly supervising a small staff of undergraduate resident counselors (approximately 12). In addition, this position will provide a range of supervisory, advising and administrative functions for a cluster of residence halls. Other responsibilities also include monitoring of the Area Coordinator and Resident Counselor budgets, assisting students in developing quality programs in the halls, acting as a resource to the Residential Life staff, and conducting weekly small staff meetings. Within the Area Coordinator position, The LGBTQA Coordinator portion of this position will provide 15 hours per week of service to the LGBTQA student community on campus. This portion of the position is supervised by the Director of Health Education and involves collaboration with the Dean of Students staff. Duties and Responsibilities include: Staffing the on campus LGBTQA resource room (Rainbow Room) 8-10 hours a week. Holding weekly meetings and providing consultation for the student group, Pride Alliance, Tracking materials borrowed from Rainbow Room and ordering new materials as needed, Providing consultation and referral to individual students as needed, Providing training for Resident Counselors and other on campus student groups as requested, Advertise, recruit and train peer educators to facilitate workshops on LGBTQA issues in first-year dorms, Design, schedule and supervise workshops. Plan and participate in relevant campus events such as gay alumni mentoring weekend, Coming out Week, Pride Week, sponsoring speakers etc. This is a ten month position starting in August and going through May. The salary is \$19,000 plus room and board. Benefits (health and dental) are included with this position.

Qualifications: Minimum of a Bachelor's degree by May, 2006 and two years of relevant experience; organizational and counseling skills; demonstrated supervisory skills; demonstrated residential life programming skills; ability to work effectively with a diverse student and staff community; knowledge of Microsoft Office software; ability to work independently and cooperatively with the college community; able to exercise sound judgment, set priorities, and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.. This position begins early August 2006 and continues through May 2007. Please submit a cover letter including 2 letters of reference and résumé. A review of applications will begin on April 7th and will continue until the position is filled.

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PARTICIPANTS/SUBMISSIONS WANTED

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32.

Calling all Drag Kings and Queens!

The UMass Queerfest committee is looking for Drag Kings and Queens to perform at our Drag Ball on April 27th. Prizes will be awarded.

Please contact [umassqueerfest@yahoo.com](mailto:umassqueerfest@yahoo.com) to sign up, or for more information

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COME AND JOIN US!!!!

Transcending Boundaries and Northeast Regional PFLAG Conference  
DCU Center in Worcester, MA, October 27-29, 2006

Transcending Boundaries will hold its fifth conference for bisexual/pansexual, trans/genderqueer, and intersex people and our allies. We are pleased to announce that this year's conference will be held in conjunction with the PFLAG Northeast Regional Conference for family, friends, and allies from across the region. We hope to foster community, educate ourselves, and overcome societal sex, gender, and sexuality boundaries!

The conference begins with a reception Friday evening and we're planning workshops all day Saturday and Sunday, a Halloween party, and a keynote luncheon with nationally known speakers.

For more information, go to our website:

[www.transcendingboundaries.org](http://www.transcendingboundaries.org)

Call for WORKSHOP PROPOSALS!

Proposal forms can be downloaded by visiting our website:

<http://www.transcendingboundaries.org/workshops/>

If you are interested in volunteering, contact us:

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TBC: Lisa 860-280-6701

PFLAG: Roberta 603-352-6854

Spread the word!