

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
April 10, 2015

UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, follow us on Facebook (UMass Amherst Stonewall Center) or Twitter, visit www.umass.edu/stonewall, or call us at (413) 545-4824]

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13. [Sustaining Jewish LGBTQ Campus Life through Personal Narratives -- 4/12, 4 p.m., UMass Hillel House, 388 N. Pleasant St., Amherst](#)
14. [Coalition to End Rape Culture \(CERC\) Week of Action -- 4/13-4/18, UMass](#)
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24. **Fall Course: EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The Stonewall Center is now hiring students for next year**

Are you motivated to make change on campus? Do you want to work for LGBTQIA rights and visibility? Are you looking for a work-study or non-work study job for the 2015-16 academic year? If so, contact the Stonewall Center at stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu or fill out an application at <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/working>. Interviews will begin after April 10.

2. **Are You a Graduating UMass Undergraduate or Graduate LGBTQIA+ or Ally Student? Be Recognized at Rainbow Graduation!**

The ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Amherst Room of the Campus Center. The graduation speaker is Mara Keisling, the Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Graduates who sign up before Friday, April 10 at noon will be recognized with a personalized gift and a rainbow tassel that can be worn at UMass graduation.

To participate, please fill out the form at <http://form.jotform.us/form/40843997878175>.

3. **Queer Technology, Engineering, Math (TEM) Group Meeting**

Sunday, April 12, 7-9 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

"Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer? Do you study or are interested in studying Engineering, Computer Science, Math, Physics, Chem or another male-dominated science? If so, please come to our weekly QTEM meeting this Sunday. Hang out with other students in these fields at this week's meeting! Snacks will be provided.
Questions? Contact: umassqtem@gmail.com "

4. [Stand Against Racism](#)

A series of events from April 13-24 at UMass. Among the events:

"I stand against racism because ..."

Monday-Friday, April 13-17, 9-2
Campus Center Concourse, UMass

This is the annual Social Media Campaign. Stop by the table to pick up a button or wristband and participate in the SAR social media campaign by writing a public statement. Volunteers will tell you how to get involved in the Stand Against Racism campaign

Stand Against Racism Day
Friday, April 24

March around the UMass campus, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Meet at Haigis Mall
The walk will start at 12:05 p.m. SAR t-shirts available to participants.

Stand Against Racism Conference
1:15-6 p.m.
CMASS, Wilder Hall, UMass

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CmassAtUmass?fref=ts>

5. [LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting](#)

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
102 Wilder Hall

Are you coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual? Are you already out, but want a place of support to talk about being LGBTQIA? Then come to the weekly discussion and support group. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health.

6. [Speak Out! To End the Day of Silence](#)

Friday, April 17, 6-8 p.m.

Earthfoods Cafe, UMass Student Union

A night to share our stories, struggles, intersections, and celebrations as LGBTQIA people. Let's Speak Out after a Day of Silence! Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, GLSEN Massachusetts, CEPA, Student Bridges, and the Amherst Regional High School Gay Straight Alliance.

7. [2015 Lambda Literary Finalists Read and Talk Back](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Coolidge Museum, Forbes Library, 20 West Street, Northampton

Four local writers—Judith Frank, Mary Beth Caschetta, Lenelle Moise, and Sally Bellerose—who have been nominated as finalists for the Lambda Literary Awards ("the Lammys") will read from and discuss their work.

8. [17th Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQIA+ Awards Ceremony](#)

Thursday, April 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Amherst Room, UMass Campus Center

The graduation speaker is Mara Keisling, the Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Open to the public.

9. [Summer and Fall 2015 Queer and Sexuality-Related Courses](#)

See <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/courses>. These courses all count toward the Five-College Certificate in Queer and Sexuality Studies: <https://www.fivecolleges.edu/queerstudies>

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10. 29th Annual "From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom" Conference

April 10-12, Hampshire College

For more information or to register: <http://clpp.hampshire.edu/conference/registration>

11. Readings from the Archives 2

Friday, April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Amherst Books, 8 Main St., Amherst

"Join us as community members, poets, activists, artists, and friends share their favorite funny, sexy, political, and erotic readings from our archive to celebrate queer histories and support the Sexual Minorities Archives. Come out and support one of the oldest TLGBIQ community archives in the United States. Cost: \$10...sliding scale more if you can."

12. Gender Role Free Contra Dance for the LGBTQ Community & Friends

Saturday, April 11, 7-10 p.m.

The Montague Community Hall, 34 Main Street, Montague

"Cost: \$7-\$10 sliding scale; \$5 with student ID. Beginners welcome! Come at 7 p.m. to get the most instruction. All effort is made to accommodate dancing disabilities, although the hall is not wheelchair accessible. Please bring soft-soled non-street shoes to protect the wooden dance floor. Please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, and other highly scented products. All dances smoke, drug and alcohol free." For more info: <http://www.lcfd.org/westma>

13. Sustaining Jewish LGBTQ Campus Life through Personal Narratives

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m.

UMass Hillel House, 388 N. Pleasant St., Amherst

"What does it take to build, grow and sustain a queer Jewish group on campus? Come to Hillel on Sunday, April 12 at 4 pm to learn about ways to invigorate our LGBTQ center. Ethan Sobel, a UMass alum and the Director of Student Activities at Boston University Hillel, will discuss his personal narrative of coming out and how it helped him in his life." Pizza will be provided. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1564520810503023>

14. Coalition to End Rape Culture (CERC) Week of Action

April 13-18, UMass. Events include:

Speakers Panel: "What is Rape Culture"

Tuesday, April 14, 7:15-9:15 p.m., Bartlett 61

Rally to Demand the Survivor Bill of Rights to be Implemented in a Speedy Manner

Wednesday, April 15, 12-2:00pm, front of UMass Student Union

Viewing of *The Hunting Ground*

Friday, April 17, 7 p.m., Amherst Cinema

CERCs Open Mic Night

Come Sing, Speak, Share Poetry!

Saturday, April 18, 8-11 p.m., Tobin 304

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1431700053806752/>

15. Gay, Bisexual, Questioning, and Transgender Men's Group

Monday, April 19 (and subsequent Mondays), 7-9 p.m. (no one admitted after 7:05 p.m.)

Edwards Church, 297 Main St., Northampton

"Specifically for men, including transgendered men, who identify as gay, bisexual, or who are questioning their sexual orientation, the purpose of this group is to provide a safe and supportive setting to share experiences and concerns. In addition to providing personal support, the group will be an opportunity for creating and strengthening local networks.

Use the rear entrance off of State Street. There is parking along State Street and in the parking lot across from the Fly by Night furniture store. To ensure safety and confidentiality in our support groups, no one is admitted once the group has begun. Please be sure to arrive early to assure your attendance.

16. PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting: "Experiences of Being Transgender and Genderqueer"

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

Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, Northampton Crossing Plaza, 325B King Street, Northampton

PFLAG offers welcoming support, education, and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their families, friends, and allies. The meeting will include a panel of trans and gender-nonconforming people from the UMass Stonewall Center Speakers Bureau. More information: 413-625-6636, jcmalinski48@gmail.com, or Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

17. [Body Politics 2015: A Showcase of Digital Stories by Women of Color](#)

Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom

Friday, April 17, 7 p.m., 163 UMass Campus Center

"Please join us on April 16th or 17th for the screening of Body Politics in its Digital Storytelling format. Stay after the screening for a talk back with the participants in this year's production about their process and journey as they produced their own stories. For over ten years, the award-winning Body Politics has been a space for celebration, support, empowerment, healing and creativity for women of color to embrace who they are, their bodies, and their experiences and to speak against all forms of oppression."

18. [Queer Prom: Come Out for Candyland](#)

Friday, April 17, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Student Union Ballroom, UMass

Sponsored by the UMass Pride Alliance. Free and open to all students. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1564228300513279>

19. [Third Annual Intergenerational LGBTIQA Gathering: "Heroines and Heroes"](#)

Tuesday, April 21, 5-7:30 p.m.

Greenfield Community College Dining Commons

"Celebrate spring, see friends, and meet new folks at the upcoming Intergenerational LGBTIQA Gathering. Enjoy a tasty and healthy meal provided at no cost (donations accepted) and learn from those who span the generations while we continue the great adventure of developing LGBTIQA resources and culture. Learn more and RSVP at fchcc.org/LGBTIQA or call 413-773-5555x2215. Please notify us in advance with any special dietary requests. This is a drug, alcohol, and fragrance free event."

20. [A Dialogue on Difference: A Panel Discussion on LGBTQ Health & Healthcare from Both](#)

Patient & Provider Perspectives

Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m.

104 Thompson Hall, UMass

"A Dialogue on Difference is a panel discussion aimed to educate the community, healthcare professionals, and students interested in learning more about LGBTQ health and healthcare. The goal of this panel is to improve healthcare education and share information by opening dialogues about topics that typically go unsaid in regard to LGBTQ health questions, concerns, and care."

Free and open to all! Light refreshments will be served. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/842832629092007>

21. Five College Clothesline Project

Thursday, April 23, 10-2

Machmer Lawn, UMass

"The Clothesline Project is a visual display that allows survivors of violence, as well as their friends and families, to share their feelings through art. This public display features a clothesline hung with shirts, each decorated to represent an individual's experience with violence, by the survivor themselves or by someone who cares about them."

22. Take Back the Night March and Rally

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.

In Front of the UMass Student Union

"Take Back the Night is a speak-out and march designed to empower our community to act towards eliminating sexual violence. On Thursday, April 23 at 6PM we will meet in Campus Center 163C for (optional) poster making. We will then gather in front of the Student Union at 7PM for a rally and march. Join us to take back the night, shatter the silence and stop the violence!"

23. Terry Baum in a Concert Reading of *Hick: A Love Story...The Romance of Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt*

Sunday, May 3, 4 p.m.

Hallie Flanagan Studio Theater, Smith College

"Baum, a pioneer lesbian playwright, has toured internationally as a solo performer. She read everything published by and about Hick, interviewed people who knew her, and pored over original documents in files at the FDR Library in Hyde Park, NY in order to reconstruct the truth of the relationship between the patrician First Lady and the charming, butch reporter. For more

information and tickets, visit <http://oloctheater.wix.com/oloctheater> "

24. Fall Course: EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities

This 4-credit intergroup dialogue 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 as well as examine contentious issues and opportunities for intergroup collaboration using dialogic methods.

Sections meet on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and also on October 3, 2015 for a one-day class retreat from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The course runs for 11 weeks: beginning on Thursday, September 17, 2015 and ending on Thursday, December 3, 2015. For more information or to submit a placement request for the class, please visit the course website at <http://people.umass.edu/educ202-xzuniga/>. "

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