

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
April 17, 2015

**UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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1. **Speak Out! To end the Day of Silence -- TONIGHT!, 4/17, 6-8 p.m., Earthfoods, UMass Student Union**
2. **Fostering Community and Coalition Building across UMass -- 4/21, 7-10 p.m., New Africa House Library, 2nd Floor**
3. **Stand Against Racism: "You Are Not Forgotten" -- 4/22, 1-5 p.m., 201 Wilder Hall, UMass**
4. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting -- 4/22, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
5. **2015 Lambda Literary Finalists Read and Talk Back -- 4/22, 7 p.m., Forbes Library, Northampton**
6. **Stand Against Racism Day -- 4/24, 11:45 a.m.-6 p.m.**
7. **17th Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQIA+ Awards Ceremony --4/30, 7-8:30 p.m., Amherst Room, UMass Campus Center**
8. **Summer and Fall 2015 Queer and Sexuality-Related Courses**

**LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **Body Politics 2015: A Showcase of Digital Stories by Women of Color -- 4/17, 7 p.m., 163 UMass Campus Center, UMass**
10. **Queer Prom: Come Out for Candyland -- 4/17, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Student Union Ballroom, UMass**
11. **Coalition to End Rape Culture (CERC) Open Mic Night -- 4/18, 8-11 p.m., Tobin 304, UMass**
12. **Valley VegOut Vegan Potluck -- 4/19, 3 p.m., Northampton**
13. **Gay, Bisexual, Questioning, and Transgender Men's Group -- 4/20 (and subsequent Mondays), 7-9 p.m., Edwards Church, 297 Main St., Northampton**
14. **Third Annual Intergenerational LGBTIQGA Gathering: "Heroines and Heroes" -- 4/21, 5-7:30 p.m., Greenfield Community College Dining Commons**
15. **A Dialogue on Difference: A Panel Discussion on LGBTQ Health & Healthcare from Both Patient & Provider Perspectives -- 4/23, 4 p.m., 104 Thompson Hall, UMass**
16. **Five College Clothesline Project -- 4/23, 10-2, Machmer Lawn, UMass**
17. **Take Back the Night March and Rally -- 4/ 23, 7 p.m., front of the UMass Student Union**

18. **Gender Bender GAP (Gay Amherst Party) -- 4/25, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., Seelye House, Amherst College**
19. **34th Annual LGBT Parade and Pride Event -- 5/2, noon-5 p.m., Northampton**
20. **Terry Baum in a Concert Reading of *Hick: A Love Story...The Romance of Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt* -- 5/3, 4 p.m., Hallie Flanagan Studio Theater, Smith College**
21. **Fall Course: EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities**

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## STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 1. **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.

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1374259052903066>

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### 2. **Fostering Community and Coalition Building across UMass**

Tuesday, April 21, 7-10 p.m.

New Africa House Library, 2nd Floor

A multi-cultural event focusing on the challenges of race and intersectionality that students in marginalized identities experience within their daily life at UMass. The event will consist of a group of student panelist and small group dialogues centering on methods of empowerment to organize in order to gain more visibility, and more representation within our campus. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to connect and network with other student leaders, organizations, faculty and staff, to create future collaboration amongst different identities to combat racism in our community. Refreshments provided.

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### 3. **Stand Against Racism: "You Are Not Forgotten"**

Wednesday, April 22, 1-5 p.m.

201 Wilder Hall, UMass

This event is dedicated to the remembrance of and honoring the many people of color who were targeted by unjust acts of violence. One of the main purposes of this event is to dismantle the misconception that people of color are "rollercoaster revolutionaries" and they only react to events during periods of high intensity and thereafter settling down. It is also intended to honor some of the victims and survivors whose names and stories have never made it into mainstream media. The event will consist of a slideshow, letter writing to victims and survivors and a chance to mingle and dialogue with each other. Refreshments provided.

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

Wednesday, April 22, 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.

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#### 5. [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>

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#### 6. [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.

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### 7. 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.

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### 8. 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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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 9. Body Politics 2015: A Showcase of Digital Stories by Women of Color

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."

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### 10. 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>

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### 11. Coalition to End Rape Culture (CERC) Open Mic Night

Come Sing, Speak, Share Poetry!  
Saturday, April 18, 8-11 p.m.  
Tobin 304, UMass

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

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#### 12. [Valley VegOut Vegan Potluck](#)

Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m., Northampton

Valley VegOut is a social group for LGBTQ vegans, vegetarians & friends in the Pioneer Valley. Visit the group at [meetup.com/valleyvegout](http://meetup.com/valleyvegout) for details and to RSVP.

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#### 13. [Gay, Bisexual, Questioning, and Transgender Men's Group](#)

Monday, April 20 (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.

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#### 14. [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](http://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."

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### 15. [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>

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### 16. [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."

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### 17. [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!"

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### 18. [Gender Bender GAP \(Gay Amherst Party\)](#)

Saturday, April 25, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Seelye House, Amherst College

"Come and defy gender stereotypes by dressing up as whatever you want. Who says because you're a girl you have to wear a dress to a party? Not us! If you want to come in a suit and bow tie, then do it! Let's break out of those stereotypes and embrace being unique! This is a 5-College event; all 5-College students are welcome!" Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1578175969105154/>

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19. [34th Annual LGBT Parade and Pride Event](#)

Saturday, May 2, noon-5 p.m.

March through Northampton, fair at the Three County Fairgrounds

For more information: <http://www.site.nohopride.org/>

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20. [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> "

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21. [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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