

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
April 3, 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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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. UMass LGBTQIA+ and Ally Student and Staff/Faculty of the Year Awards

At Rainbow Graduation, the Stonewall Center and UMass LGBTQIA student groups will be recognizing a UMass Amherst undergraduate or graduate student and a faculty or staff member for their outstanding contributions to the LGBTQIA and ally communities on campus. To nominate someone, please go to www.umass.edu/stonewall. The deadline is Sunday, April 5 at 11:59 p.m.

4. Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing

Monday, April 6, Noon-3:30 p.m.
174-76 Campus Center, UMass

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

5. Lisa Aronson Fontes, "Invisible Chains: Coercive Control in Intimate Relationships"

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.
New Africa House, Room 203, UMass

Coercive control is a strategy some people (mostly men) use to dominate their intimate partners and maintain their privileges. It usually includes some combination of degrading, isolating, micromanaging, manipulating, stalking, physically abusing, sexual coercion, threatening or punishing. This interactive presentation describes how coercive control shows up in the lives of real people--and what we can do about it. Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1388492341469259>

6. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 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.

7. Out Now, "Our Liberation!"

Thursday, April 9, 5:30-7 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Out Now, an organization from Springfield that works to support LGBTQIA youth, will be coming into the Stonewall Center to perform "Our Liberation!," which is an interactive performance workshop that uses Theater of the Oppressed techniques to disrupt incidents of oppression. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/640767576028383>

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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>

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [Keep it Consensual: Hooking Up in College](#)

Friday, April 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

UMass Campus Center 917

"Come to 'Keeping it Consensual: Hooking Up in College,' to discuss what consent looks like and the many ways to prevent sexual violence. Participants of this workshop will come together to create a shared definition of consent, identify warning signs of sexual violence, and generate strategies for interrupting violence using real life examples."

13. [LGBT Rights in Latin America and Beyond Conference](#)

Friday, April 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

O'Connor Commons, Charles Pratt Building, Amherst College

9:15 - Opening Remarks:

Martha Umphrey, Amherst College

9:25 - Contemporary Themes:

Kym Morrison, UMass Amherst (Panel Chair)

Jordi Díez, Guelph University

Javier Corrales, Amherst College

Mario Pecheny, Universidad de Buenos Aires

Elisabeth Jay Friedman, University of San Francisco

2:00pm - Historical Themes:

Laura Briggs, UMass Amherst (Panel Chair)

Julio Capó, Jr., UMass Amherst

James Green, Brown University

Víctor Macías-González, Univ. of Wisconsin La Crosse

3:45pm - LGBT and World Politics:

Joel Wolfe, UMass Amherst (Panel Chair)
Lee Badgett, UMass Amherst
Markus Thiel, Florida International University
Manuela Picq, Universidad de San Francisco de Quito

14. "A Conversation with Janet Mock"

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.
John Greene Hall, Smith College

Mock is a writer, cultural commentator and advocate for transgender rights activist. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1543095709285026/>

15. 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>

16. 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."

17. 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>

18. [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>

19. [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.

20. [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."

21. [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>

22. [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."

23. [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>

24. [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."

25. [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!"

26. [The Center for Women and Community \(CWC\) Is Hiring for Several Positions](#)

"The Center for Women and Community (CWC) is looking for dynamic, motivated individuals to join our multicultural team. Work with enthusiastic, committed colleagues and spend your time making a difference in your community. Positions offer generous health benefits, vacation, sick time, and opportunities for professional development and continued education. The following positions are currently seeking qualified applicants:

--Rape Crisis Counseling and Training Specialist (full-time)

--Civilian Advocate (20hrs/week)

--Campus Education Coordinator and Trainer (32hrs/week)

Visit: <https://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobsearchfrm.jsp> to read the full job description and submit application materials. Applications must be submitted online. Priority deadline: April 13, 2015"

27. [Bi/Pan/Queer Support Group and Social Events](#)

"Join the meetup below to sign up for our monthly bisexual/pansexual/queer support and social group. We attend local queer-friendly events and host a support group that meets monthly."

<http://www.meetup.com/Pioneer-Valley-Bisexual-Pansexual-and-Queer-Meetup>

To submit a listing or to subscribe/unsubscribe, email us: stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu