

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
February 13, 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. **Stonewall Overnight Lock-In**

Sunday, Feb. 15, 10 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

A night full of fun activities and interactions!! There will be snacks, games, and a night of social interactions. This is an open and inclusive space to all regardless of their gender, sex, sexual orientation, race, and other identities. Doors will open at 10PM and close at 1AM. This is a substance free zone, anyone suspected to be under the influence of any substance will be asked to leave the space. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1540918786166500>

2. **Stonewall After-Hours**

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6-9 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

A space for all LGBTQIA students and allies to hang out in a safe, welcoming, and judgment-free community environment. This is a mostly structure-free space, with individuals doing whatever they want to do. Whether or not you have been to an event before, are new to Stonewall or to UMass, want to meet new people, or want to be in queer space, etc. Everyone is welcome!! Come explore After Hours.

3. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 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.

4. LGBTQIA+ and Ally Open Mic

Thursday, Feb. 19, 7-9 p.m.

Earthfoods, UMass Student Union

"Come join us for our first open mic of the semester, co-sponsored by The Stonewall Center and UMass Pride Alliance. If you want to show off your singing skills, your poetic prowess, or your instrumental genius - or if you want to just relax in the audience - feel free to stop in and enjoy."

All are welcome, whether you are LGBTQIA+ or an ally. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1541110516174995>

5. Queer Geek Fest

Friday, Feb. 20, 5-9 p.m.

UMass Stonewall Center, Crampton hall

Come and celebrate queerness and geek culture! Here we go again! We'll have pizza, video games, board games, comic books and activities centered around queerness and geek culture! Please feel free to bring systems, (computers, 3DS, etc.) games (board and virtual), magic cards, and other things. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/575417862593551>

6. Come Out as You Are Pre-Dance Mixer

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

A chance for people to get to know others and have friends to go with to the Come Out as You Are dance on February 28. Food and door prizes provided. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1374291432882651>

7. [A Conversation with Jazz Musician Fred Hersch](#)

Thursday, Feb. 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Fred Hersch is one of the most acclaimed pianists in jazz and a passionate spokesperson and fundraiser for AIDS services and education agencies. Hersch is the creative force behind the ambitious 2010 autobiographical production, *My Coma Dreams* (a work based on visions he had during a two-month coma in 2008). Hersch will talk about his life and experiences as a gay man, person living with AIDS, and musician. A light meal provided. Free and open to all. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1543466525904038>

8. [Come Out as You Are: An LGBTQIA+ Dance](#)

Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 p.m.- 1 a.m.

Student Union Ballroom, UMass

Free and open to all students. Glow bracelets provided. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1525189744437209>

9. [A Life Well Loved: A film about Felice Yeskel, the founder and director for 20 years of the UMass Stonewall Center](#)

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.

168 UMass Campus Center

A Life Well Loved chronicles the life of Felice Yeskel, from her early feminist roots, to her LGBT activism, to taking on classism in the U.S. The film moves through Felice's life chronologically, quilting together various interviews of Felice, as well as others' perspectives of Felice and her work. Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

10. [MFA for Poets and Writers' Visiting Writers Series: Eileen Myles](#)

Thursday, March 5, 8 p.m.

Memorial Hall, UMass

Snowflake/different streets is the latest of her 18 books. In 2010 the Poetry Society of America awarded Eileen the Shelley Prize. She is a professor emeritus of writing at UC San Diego and a 2012 Guggenheim fellow.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [UMass Vagina Monologues](#)

Friday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Bowker Auditorium , Stockbridge Hall, UMass

Doors open a half hour before the show. Tickets are \$5 for students/UMass folks (also for all 5 college students w/ ID), and \$10 for all others.

12. [Sex and Body Positivity Valentines Dance](#)

Friday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. – Midnight

Red Barn, Hampshire College

"Invite your best friend/s to a non-traditional Valentine's Day dance featuring non-misogynistic music, with a focus on body positivity, healthy connections while celebrating friendships."

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1582541895320503>

13. [Ladyfest Hampshire IV](#)

Saturday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15, noon-11 p.m.

Red Barn, 893 West St., Hampshire College

Hampshire College Ladyfest IV aims to create an intentional space for empowerment and grassroots celebration of self-identified female and gender non-conforming artists of all backgrounds, experiences, and identities. This is a space to listen and appreciate voices that often are not heard. Ladyfest provides us with the opportunity to support one another, without competition. Our purpose is to show our work on our terms, in a way that transcends the confines of gender-normative and gender-binary self-expression. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/403527243133012>

14. [Bon Appetit Burlesque's Happily Ever After II](#)

Saturday, Feb. 14, 7-10:30 p.m.

The Deuce, 50 Conz Street, Northampton

"This month, Valentine's Day intersects with the monthly Bon Appétit Burlesque show and we're celebrating with neo-burlesque inspired by story books, legends, fables, myths, and other tall tales. Come out and take a Little Bo Peep at all of the fabulous acts created by this month's performers like Dot Mitzvah, Ginny Nightshade, Fruitonthebottom, Vivienne LaFlamme, Vanil LaFrappe, and special guest from Sinful Thoughts Vaudeville and Burlesque, Sophie Sinclaire. With art on display and live caricatures drawn from Patrick Quirk. As always, we'll have games to play, prizes to win from Oh My Sensuality Shop, Off the Map Tattoo, and Jennifer Nery, LAc of CLINIC Alternative Medicine, music from Studebaker "Prince Charming" Hawk and more sass from your fairy godmother, Hors." Ages 21+. Buy tickets here:

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1155677

15. [Five College Trans Active Support Meeting](#)

Sunday, Feb. 15 (and every Sunday), 1 p.m.

Amherst College Queer Resource Center, Morrow Dorm Basement (use back door)

"An inclusive, safe, and brave space for trans individuals and those in the process of discovering their gender identities. Open to undergraduate and graduate students of the Five Colleges. Light snacks will be provided."

16. [Tennessee Williams: Gender Play in 2015 and Beyond](#)

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2-6 p.m.

UMass Fine Arts Center Curtain Theater

"Join the UMass Department of Theater for a for a fun, forward-thinking discussion about America's most beloved playwright and his complex relationship to gender, sexuality, trans and queer identities. Panelists will include Broadway director Michael Wilson, dramaturg Chris Baker, Provincetown Tennessee Williams Festival Curator and Co-founder David Kaplan, and Smith College professor Ellen Kaplan. Amherst Books will be on hand with a selection of Williams books; light refreshments will be served at a 3 PM reception. The symposium will conclude with a screening of Richard Brooks's 1958 film classic, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Free and open to the public."

17. [Susanna Walters, "The Tolerance Trap: How God, Genes, and Good Intentions are Sabotaging Gay Equality"](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:15-6:30 p.m.

Dwight Hall 101, Mount Holyoke College

Susanna Walters, an alum of Mount Holyoke College and well known in the field of Gender Studies, is editor of Signs and professor at Northeastern University.

18. [Mount Holyoke Drag Ball 2015](#)

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Chapin Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/814037681990319/>

19. [Gender Role Free Contra Dance for the LGBTQ Community & Friends](#)

Saturday, Feb. 21, 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>

20. [Drag Brunch with Hors & Friends](#)

Sunday, Feb. 22, 12:30 p.m. (doors open at noon)

Slainte Restaurant, 80 Jarvis Avenue, Holyoke

"Think of Drag Brunch as dinner theater. You're enjoying delicious, buffet-style food (with vegetarian options) provided by Slainte while drag queens and kings are performing a full show to entertain you. Make sure you have plenty of ones on hand to tip the performers! They'll be dancing up a storm, lip-synching their hearts out, and performing hilarious routines to keep you having fun. Featuring acts from Felicia Forrester, Hella Swagg, Ivanna B. Queen, Devin Graberass, and Ruby Monroe, with your host Hors.

Seating for ticket holders will begin at noon and is first-come, first-served. Leftover tickets will be sold at the door while supplies last. Please arrive by 12:15 pm to start enjoying the buffet. The show will start at 12:30 pm. Drag Brunch has adult themes, sexual content, and adult language and is not generally suitable for children under 12. Parents, please use your own good judgment. Line-up is subject to change. \$20 Tickets include brunch and a full drag show." Buy tickets here: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1080169

21. [2015 WGSS Conference: The Politics of Migration: Gender, Sexuality and Citizenship](#) Feb. 26-27, UMass Campus Center

"The event features keynote talks by Chandan Reddy of English at the University of Washington Seattle on the "Failures of Citizenship: Queer of Color Critique and the Politics of Migration" on 2/26 at 4:30 in the Hadley Room, and Eithne Luibhéid of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Arizona on "Nationalist Heterosexuality, Migrant (Il)Legality, and Citizenship Norms" on 2/27 at 3:30 in the Marriott Room.

For full information on the conference and to register, please visit the conference blog:
<https://politicsofmigrationconference.wordpress.com>"

22. [Financial Aid Help Offered to UMass Students](#)

Representative of the Financial Aid office are holding office hours every Thursday from 9-noon in Wilder Hall (CMass) to answer financial questions.

23. [LGBTQ People Between 18-25 Needed for a Survey on Experiences with Their Parent\(s\)](#)

Jordon Bosse, a graduate student in the College of Nursing at UMass Amherst, is currently looking for individuals to take a confidential survey about their experiences with their parent(s) and other support relationships. The survey takes about 35 minutes to complete, and participants will have the option to enter a raffle to win an Ipad mini with case and an iTunes gift card. The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJS72QB>. If you are interested in learning more about the survey, you can go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGBTQAFamily>. Feel free to send questions to jbosse@nursing.umass.edu

24. [Five College Student Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention Training: Spring 2015](#)

Overview: We invite emerging and current student leaders in the sexual violence prevention movement to join us to learn about trauma-informed education, effective approaches to end violence, and best practices in prevention. This training will provide participants with the opportunity to apply their learning by developing intentional, coordinated programs for sexual assault prevention. Student leaders who complete the training series will receive a certificate of completion, a shirt, and an invitation to participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month events.

The training will be on Saturday Feb. 28, and Sunday, March 1, 10-4. For more information and an application: www.umass.edu/ewc

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