

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
February 27, 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]

1. **Come Out as You Are: An LGBTQIA+ Dance** -- 2/28, 9 p.m.- 1 a.m., Student Union Ballroom, UMass
2. **LGBTQ in TEM/Chem/Physics Group: Homework Party** -- 3/1, 7-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass
3. ***A Life Well Loved*: A film about Felice Yeskel, the founder and director for 20 years of the UMass Stonewall Center** -- 3/3, 7 p.m., 168 UMass Campus Center
4. **Stonewall After-Hours** -- 3/3, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass
5. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting** -- 3/4, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall
6. **MFA for Poets and Writers' Visiting Writers Series: Eileen Myles** -- 3/5, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall, UMass
7. **6th Annual Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference** -- 3/6 & 3/7, Hampshire College
8. **Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing** -- 3/10, Noon-3:30, 174-76 Campus Center
9. **"Black Trans Lives Matter: CeCe McDonald on Racism, Mass Incarceration, and Trans Liberation"** -- 3/10, 7:30 p.m., Events Room, UMass Commonwealth Honors College
10. **Chai Feldblum, "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination: Revisiting Sex Discrimination Law"** -- 3/12, 4 p.m., Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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12. **Five College Trans Active Support Meeting** -- 3/1 (and every Sunday), 1 p.m., Amherst College Queer Resource Center, Morrow Dorm Basement (use back door)
13. **TransParents Monthly Support Group Meeting** -- 3/2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holyoke
14. **Women of Color Leadership Network March Social Hour** -- 3/4, noon-2 p.m., 127 New Africa House, UMass
15. **White Ribbon Campaign: Men Pledge to Address Violence against Women** -- 3/4 (halftime of the men's basketball game), Mullins Center
16. **"The Ones We Carry": A Literary Evening Featuring Poet Lesléa Newman** -- 3/5, 7 p.m., Amherst Women's Club, 35 Triangle Street, Amherst
17. **Joint Performance: Phallacies, Not Ready for Bedtime Players, and Shaha** -- 3/6, 7 p.m., Commonwealth Honors College Event Hall, UMass

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20. **Lea DeLaria, "An Evening with "Big Boo" from *Orange Is the New Black*" -- 3/11, 8 p.m., Powerhouse, Amherst College**
21. **Gage on Stage: An Afternoon of Lesbian Feminist Theatre -- 3/15, 3 p.m., Eastworks, 116 Pleasant St., Easthampton**
22. **Gender Role Free Contra Dance for the LGBTQ Community & Friends -- 3/21, 7-10 p.m., Montague Community Hall, 34 Main Street, Montague**
23. **LGBT Bereavement Support Group Starting in April**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **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>

2. **LGBTQ in TEM/Chem/Physics Group: Homework Party**

Sunday, March 1, 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. We will be having a homework party! Hang out, chat, or do some homework with other students in these fields at this week's meeting! Snacks will be provided." Questions? Contact: umassqtem@gmail.com

3. ***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. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1385181981795851>

4. [Stonewall After-Hours](#)

Tuesday, March 3, 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!!

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

Wednesday, March 4, 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. [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.

7. 6th Annual Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference

Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7

Hampshire College

"The conference aims to offer an accountable and supportive environment in which to queer gender and sexuality while exploring a wide range of topics, and their intersections, such as race, class, religion, ability, class, family, kink, survival strategies, and many more. We strive to provide a safer space for engaging, learning, and sharing with workshops, panels, and lectures by both student leaders and off-campus educators. Keynote speaker: Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha.

Free admission. Register for the conference: hamp.it/queerconf

Contact: queerconf@hampshire.edu; Webpage: hamp.it/5cpgsc; Facebook: hamp.it/5cpgscFB

8. Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing

Tuesday, March 10, Noon-3:30 p.m.

174-76 Campus Center

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.

9. "Black Trans Lives Matter: CeCe McDonald on Racism, Mass Incarceration, and Trans Liberation"

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Earthfoods, UMass Student Union

"CeCe McDonald, an aspiring fashion student living in Minneapolis, was attacked by a racist, transphobic mob while walking to the grocery store in July of 2010. One of her attackers, intoxicated and adorned with a swastika tattoo, died days following the incident. CeCe was charged with two murders and was threatened with up to 80 years in prison for daring to defend herself. While imprisoned, she discovered that her story was not unique, but that she was among many Black people—particularly Black, trans women—railroaded to prison. The stories of Assata Shakur, Angela Davis, and Mumia Abu-Jamal inspired her to fight not only for her own freedom but for all the trans women who have been slain or made victims of the criminal injustice system. Since her release in January of 2014, CeCe has become a leading and outspoken activist, inspiring many to take action against mass incarceration and for racial justice and trans liberation." Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1550275341912468>

10. Chai Feldblum, "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination: Revisiting Sex Discrimination Law"

Thursday, March 12, 4 p.m.

Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass

"Feldblum is a commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Prior to her 2010 appointment to the EEOC, Feldblum was a professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she founded the Federal Legislation and Administrative Clinic, which represented clients such as Catholic Charities USA, the National Disability Rights Network, and the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. She also founded and co-directed Workplace Flexibility 2010, a policy enterprise focused on finding common ground between employers and employees on workplace flexibility issues. Feldblum served as legislative counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union from 1988 to 1991, playing a leading role in drafting and negotiating the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. She has also worked to advance lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, was one of the drafters of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, and is the first openly lesbian commissioner of the EEOC." Facebook event page: Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/852114278164195>

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration Informational Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 28, 12-3 p.m.

Amherst Regional Middle School

Join us for an informational session on President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration and how it might apply to you and your family.

Co-sponsors: Center for Women & Community; Central West Justice Center; Safe Passage; NELCWIT; and Amherst Regional Public Schools

12. Five College Trans Active Support Meeting

Sunday, March 1 (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."

13. [TransParents Monthly Support Group Meeting](#)

Monday, March 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Holyoke

TransParents is a support group for parents and family of transgender, gender non-conforming or questioning, children, teenagers, and adults. We meet the 1st Monday of each month in Holyoke. For more information and meeting location: PVTransParents1@gmail.com

14. [Women of Color Leadership Network March Social Hour](#)

Wednesday, March 4, noon-2 p.m.

127 New Africa House, UMass

"This is a time for reconnecting, networking and making new connections. Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply just to say hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snack will be served." Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/342833142592265>

15. [White Ribbon Campaign: Men Pledge to Address Violence against Women](#)

Wednesday, March 4, halftime of the men's basketball game)

Mullins Center

Men will be invited to stand on the court during halftime to make a public pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women.

16. ["The Ones We Carry": A Literary Evening Featuring Poet Lesléa Newman](#)

Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Amherst Women's Club, 35 Triangle Street, Amherst

"Lesléa Newman is the author, most recently, of *I CARRY MY MOTHER*, a book-length

sequence of poems that explore a daughter's journey through her mother's illness and death and her own grief. The poems are written in accessible form and will resonate with all who have lost a parent or other loved one. Newman will donate \$1 per book sold at the event to the Hospice of the Fisher Home."

17. [Joint Performance: Phallacies, Not Ready for Bedtime Players, and Shaha](#)

Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Commonwealth Honors College Event Hall, UMass

18. [Celebration of Speech in Honor of International Women's Day](#)

Saturday, March 7, Noon-8 p.m.

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

Historic speech re-enactments. Speeches by local women and girls. Performances by local artists

19. [PFLAG \(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays\) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting: "Coming out as Transgender and Genderqueer"](#)

Tuesday, March 10, 6-8 p.m.

Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 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 from the UMass Stonewall Center Speakers Bureau who will discuss "Coming out as Transgender and Genderqueer." More info: 413-625-6636, jcmalinski48@gmail.com, Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter

20. [Lea DeLaria, "An Evening with "Big Boo" from *Orange Is the New Black*"](#)

Wednesday, March 11, 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30)

Powerhouse, Amherst College

"DeLaria is an American comedian, actress, and jazz musician. She was the first openly gay comic to break the late-night talk-show barrier with her appearance on The Arsenio Hall Show in 1993." This event is free and open to the Five College Community. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/738322766289340>

21. [Gage on Stage: An Afternoon of Lesbian Feminist Theatre](#)

Written and Performed by Carolyn Gage. With Julia Reddy

Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m.

Eastworks, 116 Pleasant St., Easthampton

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door (If ticket price is a hardship, please contact us about work exchange options). For information and tickets, visit

<http://gatherthelesbians.wix.com/gather-the-lesbians> or email gatherthelesbians@yahoo.com

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

Saturday, March 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>

23. [LGBT Bereavement Support Group Starting in April](#)

Wednesdays, April 1 – May 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

Hospice of the Fisher Home, 1165 North Pleasant St, Amherst

"This will be an 8 week bereavement support group for LGBT adults who have experienced the death of a life partner or spouse. Participants will explore, within a safe and affirming environment, their reactions to loss, learn about the grieving process and develop strategies for coping with the loss." For more information or to schedule a registration interview, please contact Liz Windrover at lwindrover@fisherhome.org or (413) 549-0115.

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