

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
January 23, 2015

UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. **Stonewall After-Hours Open House -- 1/24, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
2. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting -- 1/28, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
3. **Pre-Dance Mixer -- 2/25, 6-8 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
4. **Come Out as You Are: An LGBTQIA+ Dance -- 2/28, 9 p.m.- 1 a.m., Student Union Ballroom, UMass**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **"Chubb Swap" Clothing Exchange -- 1/25, 1-5 p.m., 28 Oliver St., Easthampton**
6. **Gender Role Free Contra Dances for the LGBTQ Community & Friends -- 1/31, 7-10 p.m., The Montague Grange, Montague**
7. **A New Local Group Is Forming for Bisexual, Pansexual, and Queer People**
8. **LGBTQ People Between 18-25 Needed for a Survey on Experiences with Their Parent(s)**
9. **New Gen Ed Class at UMass: Transnational Approaches to Queer and Sexuality Studies**
10. **Spring Center for Women and Community Support Groups**
11. **Still Space Available in UMass EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue - Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities**
12. **Job Opening: Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Hilltown Community Health Centers**

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STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. **Stonewall After-Hours Open House**

Saturday Jan. 24, 6-9 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

After Hours are back! Come meet, talk, hang out, play some games, and relax with other people.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you have been to an event before, are new, want to meet new people, want to be in queer space, exploring, etc. Come explore After Hours. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/425979770892851>

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

Wednesday, January 28, 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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## 3. [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. Door prizes given to attendees.

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## 4. [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.

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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 5. ["Chubb Swap" Clothing Exchange](#)

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1-5 p.m.

28 Oliver St., Easthampton

14/xl and up. For every gender. Donations accepted clean (preferably washed), with no stains or tears. Accessories (shoes, belts, ties, etc.) also accepted. Facebook message to drop off in advance, if desired. Sliding scale donation requested to benefit Marisa Alexander (Stand Your Ground case in Florida). Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/712234422200512>

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#### 6. Gender Role Free Contra Dances for the LGBTQ Community & Friends

Saturday, Jan. 31, 7-10 p.m.

The Montague Grange, 34 Main St., Montague

Beginners welcome! Come at 7PM to get the most instruction. All effort is made to accommodate dancing disabilities, although the hall is not wheelchair accessible. Caller Tim Van Egmond, Music by David Kaynor and Becky Hollingsworth. Cost: \$7-\$10 sliding scale; \$5 with student ID. 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. More information: <http://www.lcfd.org/westma/>

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#### 7. A New Local Group Is Forming for Bisexual, Pansexual, and Queer People

Open to all bi, pan and queer people. For more information:

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

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#### 8. 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](mailto:jbosse@nursing.umass.edu)

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#### 9. New Gen Ed Class at UMass: Transnational Approaches to Queer and Sexuality Studies

Monday, Wednesday 11:15-12:05 p.m.

Discussion sections Friday 10:10 and 11:15

Professor Svati Shah

This interdisciplinary course will help students to understand what the term "sexuality studies" means, by providing a foundation in the key concepts, historical and social contexts, topics, and politics that inform the fields of sexuality studies, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies, and queer studies. For more information: [www.umass.edu/wost/courseinfo.htm](http://www.umass.edu/wost/courseinfo.htm)

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#### 10. [Spring Center for Women and Community Support Groups](#)

##### *Support, Connect, Heal*

Journaling and sharing group. Explore healing with other survivors in a safe, supportive, and non-judgmental space. This group will focus on topics such as isolation, shame, self-worth, triggers, trust, relationships and the after-effects of trauma. Coping and self-care strategies will also be discussed. This group is open to all survivors of rape, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse, regardless of gender, age, race, ability, sexuality, or religion. Each participant will come in for a brief interview the group facilitators before the start of group.

##### *Expression Through Movement and Art*

This group is open to all female identified survivors of sexual violence. Survivors of sexual violence sometimes feel numb in their physical bodies. We support survivors "playing the feeling" through creative movement. Through movement we tap into the power of muscle memory, to embody an emotion that may be difficult for a survivor of rape and/or child sexual abuse. Once we feel the emotion in our bodies, we encourage a transition to release by creating art. Art journals are a powerful tool to document your own journey of healing.

##### *Mindfulness and Mood*

Ruled by Anxiety, Mood or your Emotions? Gain skills that will help you to reduce anxiety, improve mood and relationships, relax your body, quiet your mind, and gain greater emotional balance. This five session group will focus on the unique stresses facing women and will offer skills to empower you in you in daily life. Join us in a safe and supportive space! Free of charge and open to women from UMass, Five Colleges and the surrounding community. Registration and pre-group meeting required.

For additional details or to join, please call 413-545-0883

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#### 11. [Still Space Available in 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.

For more information or to submit a placement request for the class, please visit the course website at <http://people.umass.edu/educ202-xzuniga>. Students must fill out a placement form in order to register for this class. For questions, please e-mail us at [umassdialogues@gmail.com](mailto:umassdialogues@gmail.com)

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#### 12. Job Opening: Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Hilltown Community Health Centers

"Seeking 20-hour Domestic Violence Victim Advocate. Provide advocacy services to residents of the Hilltowns in collaboration with State and local law enforcement, and health and community service providers. Experience in safety planning, referrals, court preparation and accompaniment, support and education required. Qualifications include BA degree or equivalent, min 2 years working with individuals experiencing domestic violence. Car required and must be able to provide transportation. Knowledge of community and rural services required. Looking for candidate with strong commitment to mission of the organization. Send cover letter and resume to: Personnel Coordinator-, Hilltown Community Health Centers, Inc., 58 Old North Rd., Worthington, MA 01098 or to [brida@hchcweb.org](mailto:brida@hchcweb.org). Please submit applications by February 6, 2015."

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