

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
January 30, 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. **Stonewall After-Hours -- 1/31, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
2. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting -- 2/4, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
3. **Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing -- 2/10, Noon-3:30, 174-76 Campus Center**
4. **UMass Vagina Monologues -- 2/13, 7 p.m., 2/14, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Bowker Auditorium , UMass**
5. **Stonewall Overnight Lock-In -- 2/15, 10 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
6. **LGBTQIA+ and Ally Open Mic -- 2/19, 7-9 p.m., Earthfoods, UMass Student Union**
7. **Come Out as You Are Pre-Dance Mixer -- 2/25, 6-8 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
8. **A Conversation with Jazz Musician Fred Hersch -- 2/26, 4-5:30 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
9. **Come Out as You Are: An LGBTQIA+ Dance -- 2/28, 9 p.m.- 1 a.m., Student Union Ballroom, UMass**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **Gender Role Free Contra Dances for the LGBTQ Community & Friends -- 1/31, 7-10 p.m., The Montague Grange, Montague**
11. **TransParents Monthly Meeting -- 2/2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holyoke**
12. **Women of Color Leadership Social Hour -- 2/4, noon-2 p.m., 127 New Africa House, UMass**
13. **PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Monthly Meeting -- 2/10, 6-8 p.m., Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 325B King Street, Northampton**
14. **\$tart \$mart \$alary Negotiation Skills for Women -- 2/11, 7-9 p.m., 203 New Africa House, UMass**
15. **Ladyfest Hampshire IV -- 2/14 & 2/15, Red Barn, Hampshire College**
16. **Mount Holyoke Drag Ball 2015 -- 2/21, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Chapin Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College**
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STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. [Stonewall After-Hours](#)

Saturday, Jan. 31, 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.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 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.

3. [Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 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.

4. [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.

5. [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.

6. [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>

7. [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.

8. [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.

9. [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.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [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/>

11. [TransParents Monthly Meeting](#)

Monday, Feb. 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. The group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Please contact PVTransParents1@gmail.com for the location and more information.

12. [Women of Color Leadership Social Hour](#)

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

127 New Africa House, UMass

"The Women of Color Leadership Network at the Center for Women and Community would like to invite you to our first Social Hour of the semester! 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."

13. [PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter \(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays\) Monthly Meeting](#)

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

Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 325B King Street, Northampton

"Our topic will be Helping Parents Support Their Gender Variant and Transgender Children. We have invited members of UniTy of the Pioneer Valley to join our discussion." More information: jcmalinski48@gmail.com; Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

14. [\\$tart \\$mart \\$alary Negotiation Skills for Women](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m.

203 New Africa House, UMass

"Negotiating salaries is a challenge for women at all stages of their careers. This session will empower women starting their careers to avoid the gender wage gap by teaching them negotiation strategies and bench marking tools."

15. [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>

16. [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/>

17. [Proposals Now Being Accepted for the 6th Annual Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference](#)

To submit a proposal: <https://www.facebook.com/events/314854545390671>. The conference will be held at Hampshire College on March 6-7. The keynote speaker is Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha.

18. [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/>

19. [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.

20. [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

21. [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

22. [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

23. [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. Please submit applications by February 6, 2015."

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