

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

1. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting -- 3/25, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
2. **Queer Studies Reception for Five College LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff -- 3/26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Alumni House, Amherst College**
3. **Stonewall After-Hours -- 3/28, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
4. **Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing -- 4/6, Noon-3:30, 174-76 Campus Center**
5. **Lisa Aronson Fontes, "Invisible Chains: Coercive Control in Intimate Relationships" -- 4/8, 5:30 p.m., New Africa House, Room 203, UMass**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. **Bon Appetit Burlesque's Count Your Lucky Stars -- 3/13, 8-11:30 p.m., The Deuce, 50 Conz Street, Northampton**
7. **The 24th Annual Women's Film Festival -- Through 3/22, Brattleboro, VT**
8. **Gage on Stage: An Afternoon of Lesbian Feminist Theatre -- 3/15, 3 p.m., Eastworks, 116 Pleasant St., Easthampton**
9. **Gender Role Free Contra Dance for the LGBTQ Community & Friends -- 3/21, 7-10 p.m., Montague Community Hall, 34 Main Street, Montague**
10. **Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus, "Here Comes the Sun: A Concert Celebrating the Coming of Spring" -- 3/28, 7 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Greenfield**
11. **Angela Davis, "Sustaining Social Justice Movements and Intersectional Struggle" -- 3/30, 7:30 p.m., UMass Fine Arts Center**
12. **LGBT Bereavement Support Group Starting in April**
13. **2nd Annual New England Queer People of Color Conference -- 4/3-4/4, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island**
14. **LGBT Rights in Latin America and Beyond Conference -- 4/3, O'Connor Commons, Charles Pratt Building, Amherst College**
15. **29th Annual "From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom" Conference -- 4/10-4/12, Hampshire College**
16. **Bi/Pan/Queer Support Group and Social Events**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Wednesday, March 25, 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.

2. [Queer Studies Reception for Five College LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff](#)

Thursday, March 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Alumni House, Amherst College (behind the Lord Jeffery Inn, parking available)

Hors D'oeuvres and libations provided. Please contact Michele Barale 413-542-2532 or mbarale@amherst.edu for more information. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/915626591783537/>

3. [Stonewall After-Hours](#)

Saturday, March 28, 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!! Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/348636962002751>

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.

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6. [Bon Appetit Burlesque's Count Your Lucky Stars](#)

Friday, March 13, 8-11:30 p.m.

The Deuce, 50 Conz Street, Northampton

"There's been a snafu! The management at The Deuce (WWII Club) accidentally double-booked the banquet hall so we have been moved to Friday the 13th. Right now, we're counting our lucky stars that we were able to make this show work on such short notice and we hope you can make it work with us! Come on out and see an open-themed, woman-friendly, body-positive neo-burlesque show in Northampton, MA, and create your own luck on Friday the 13th. Featuring fabulous acts from Fruitonthebottom, Captain Elastico, Baroness Blitzen Von Schtupp, Dot Mitzvah, and BettysiouX Tailor, with your host, Hors, and music from DJ Dreadhead!" Buy tickets here: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1299571. Ages 21+.

7. [The 24th Annual Women's Film Festival](#)

Through March 22

Brattleboro, VT

"There are 47 fantastic films this year - all directed by, and about women. Over the course of three weeks, from Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 22, 2015, films from around the world will be screened at both the New England Youth Theatre and the Latchis Theater in Brattleboro, VT. For more info on films and screening times: www.womensfreedomcenter.net/film-festival-information."

8. [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

9. [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>

10. [Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus, "Here Comes the Sun: A Concert Celebrating the Coming of Spring"](#)

Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Greenfield

Suggested donation of \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under admitted for free.

11. [Angela Davis, "Sustaining Social Justice Movements and Intersectional Struggle"](#)

Monday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

UMass Fine Arts Center

Free but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Box Office

12. [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.

13. [2nd Annual New England Queer People of Color Conference](#)

April 3-4, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

The conference theme is "Healing. Visibility. Community." For more information:

<https://neqpoc2015.wordpress.com/registration-information/>

14. [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

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. 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