

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
March 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](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall), or call us at (413) 545-4824]

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## STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. The Stonewall Center is now hiring students for next year

Are you motivated to make change on campus? Do you want to work for LGBTQIA rights and visibility? Are you looking for a work-study or non-work study job for the 2015-16 academic year? If so, contact the Stonewall Center at [stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu) or fill out an application at <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/working>. Interviews will begin after April 10.

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2. Are You a Graduating UMass Undergraduate or Graduate LGBTQIA+ or Ally Student? Be Recognized at Rainbow Graduation!

The ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Amherst Room of the Campus Center. The graduation speaker is Mara Keisling, the Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Graduates who sign up before Friday, April 10 at noon will be recognized with a personalized gift and a rainbow tassel that can be worn at UMass graduation.

To participate, please fill out the form at <http://form.jotform.us/form/40843997878175>.

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### 3. UMass LGBTQIA+ and Ally Student and Staff/Faculty of the Year Awards

At Rainbow Graduation, the Stonewall Center and UMass LGBTQIA student groups will be recognizing a UMass Amherst undergraduate or graduate student and a faculty or staff member for their outstanding contributions to the LGBTQIA and ally communities on campus. To nominate someone, please go to [www.umass.edu/stonewall](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall). The deadline is Sunday, April 5 at 11:59 p.m.

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### 4. Stonewall After-Hours

Saturday, March 28, 6-9 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

An awesome time for people to hang out, meet new people, play games, and do anything else you want. Never been to an event before? No worries!!! Everyone is welcome and you can stay as long as you want :) We will be showing two episodes of "Transparent" from around 6:30-7:30. Pizza will be provided and some light refreshments. Feel welcome to bring your friends. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/348636962002751>.

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### 5. LGBTQ in TEM/Chem/Physics Group: Homework Party

Sunday, March 29, 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](mailto:umassqtem@gmail.com)

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### 6. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 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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7. [Free Film Screening: \*The Mask You Live in\*](#) – a film on masculinity in the U.S. by the makers of *Miss Representation*

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.

UMass Integrative Learning Center Hub (3rd Floor, in the Communication Dept.)

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1460699237553816>

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8. [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.

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9. [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.

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1388492341469259>

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10. [Out Now, "Our Liberation!"](#)

Thursday, April 9, 5:30-7 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Out Now, an organization from Springfield that works to support LGBTQIA youth, will be coming into the Stonewall Center to perform "Our Liberation!," which is an interactive performance workshop that uses Theater of the Oppressed techniques to disrupt incidents of oppression. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/640767576028383>

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11. [Speak Out! To End the Day of Silence](#)

Friday, April 17, 6-8 p.m.

Earthfoods Cafe, UMass Student Union

A night to share our stories, struggles, intersections, and celebrations as LGBTQIA people. Let's Speak Out after a Day of Silence! Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, GLSEN Massachusetts, CEPA, and the Amherst Regional High School Gay Straight Alliance.

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12. [Amherst College Pride Alliance's Queer Prom](#)

Saturday, March 28, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Powerhouse, Amherst College

DJ Tony Russo. All Five College students welcomed. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1425493207745759/>

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13. [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.

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14. [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

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15. [Women of Color Leadership Network April Social Hour](#)

Wednesday, April 1, 12- 2 p.m.  
127 New Africa House, UMass

"Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, relax and take a break from your busy schedule, or simply just to say hello! Stay for the entire time and enjoy the conversations, or just for a few minutes between classes. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served."

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#### 16. **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](mailto:lwindrover@fisherhome.org) or (413) 549-0115.

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#### 17. **Women of Color and Media (Mis) Representation Brown Bag Discussion**

Thursday, April 2, 12-1 p.m.

UMass New Africa House, room 203

The speaker is Professor Mari Castaneda, UMass Communication Department. Topics to be addressed include: the powerful role of the media; the implications of (mis)representations of women of color across their varied social identities; and the potential for counter-representations.

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#### 18. **Megan Andelloux, "Orchestrating Orgasms!"**

Thursday, April 2, 7-9 p.m.

Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union, UMass

"In this captivating workshop, you will learn about how anatomy, identity, culture, and drive (and the diverse combinations of these!) influence our orgasms. What types of orgasms are there? How can one have more orgasms? Why do they feel so good? Why do some people struggle to have them? With the use of images, participation, videos, and genital models, Orchestrating Orgasms will bring down the house in a perfect symphony." Sponsored by VOX: Students for Reproductive Justice and the UMass Pride Alliance. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/954405461237281/>

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19. [Keep it Consensual: Hooking Up in College](#)

Friday, April 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

UMass Campus Center 917

"Come to 'Keeping it Consensual: Hooking Up in College,' to discuss what consent looks like and the many ways to prevent sexual violence. Participants of this workshop will come together to create a shared definition of consent, identify warning signs of sexual violence, and generate strategies for interrupting violence using real life examples."

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20. [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/>

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21. [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

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22. ["A Conversation with Janet Mock"](#)

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.

John Greene Hall, Smith College

Mock is a writer, cultural commentator and advocate for transgender rights activist. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1543095709285026/>

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23. [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>

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

Saturday, April 11, 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>

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25. [Queer Prom: Come Out for Candyland](#)

Friday, April 17, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Student Union Ballroom, UMass

Sponsored by the UMass Pride Alliance. Free and open to all students. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1564228300513279>

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## 26. The Center for Women and Community (CWC) Is Hiring for Several Positions

"The Center for Women and Community (CWC) is looking for dynamic, motivated individuals to join our multicultural team. Work with enthusiastic, committed colleagues and spend your time making a difference in your community. Positions offer generous health benefits, vacation, sick time, and opportunities for professional development and continued education. The following positions are currently seeking qualified applicants:

--Rape Crisis Counseling and Training Specialist (full-time)

--Civilian Advocate (20hrs/week)

--Campus Education Coordinator and Trainer (32hrs/week)

Visit: <https://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobsearchfrm.jsp> to read the full job description and submit application materials. Applications must be submitted online. Priority deadline: April 13, 2015"

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## 27. 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>

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To submit a listing or to subscribe/unsubscribe, email us: [stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu](mailto:stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu)