

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
March 6, 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. **6th Annual Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference -- 3/6 & 3/7, Hampshire College**
2. **LGBTQ in TEM/Chem/Physics Group: Homework Party -- 3/8, 7-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
3. **Free, Anonymous STD and HIV Testing -- 3/10, Noon-3:30, 174-76 Campus Center**
4. **"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**
5. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting -- 3/11, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
6. **Chai Feldblum, "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination: Revisiting Sex Discrimination Law" -- 3/12, 4 p.m., Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass**
7. **Queer Studies Reception for Five College LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff -- 3/26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Alumni House, Amherst College**
8. **Stonewall After-Hours -- 3/28, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. **Joint Performance: Phallacies, Not Ready for Bedtime Players, and Shaha -- 3/6, 7 p.m., Commonwealth Honors College Event Hall, UMass**
10. **Celebration of Speech in Honor of International Women's Day -- 3/7, Noon-8 p.m., First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton**
11. **Dark Matter Performance, "#It Gets Bitter" -- 3/7, 7 p.m., Gerald Penny Center, The Octagon, Amherst College**
12. **CERC (Coalition to End Rape Culture) Day of Action: Carry that Weight -- 3/9, 11a.m.-1:30 p.m., UMass Student Union**
13. **International Women's Day Celebration 2015 -- 3/10, 5-7 p.m., UMass New Africa House, Room 203**
14. **PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting: "Coming out as Transgender and Genderqueer" -- 3/10, 6-8 p.m., Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 325B King Street, Northampton**
15. **Lea DeLaria, "An Evening with "Big Boo" from *Orange Is the New Black*" -- 3/11, 8 p.m., Powerhouse, Amherst College**
16. **Gage on Stage: An Afternoon of Lesbian Feminist Theatre -- 3/15, 3 p.m., Eastworks,**

116 Pleasant St., Easthampton

17. **Gender Role Free Contra Dance for the LGBTQ Community & Friends -- 3/21, 7-10 p.m., Montague Community Hall, 34 Main Street, Montague**

18. **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**

19. **LGBT Bereavement Support Group Starting in April**

20. **2nd Annual New England Queer People of Color Conference -- 4/3-4/4, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island**

21. **Bi/Pan/Queer Support Group and Social Events**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **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. Webpage: hamp.it/5cqgsc; Facebook: [hamp.it/5cqgscFB](https://www.facebook.com/hamp.it/5cqgscFB)

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

Sunday, March 8, 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. 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. **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.

4. "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>

5. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 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. 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: <https://www.facebook.com/events/852114278164195>

7. [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/>

8. [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>

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.
Commonwealth Honors College Event Hall, UMass

10. [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

11. [Dark Matter Performance, "#It GetsBitter"](#)

Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.
Gerald Penny Center, The Octagon, Amherst College

"DarkMatter is a trans South-Asian art and activist collaboration comprise of Janini Balasubramanian and Alok Vaid-Menon. Using poetry, polemic, tweet, and tirade." Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1538321526421170>

12. [CERC \(Coalition to End Rape Culture\) Day of Action: Carry that Weight](#)

Monday, March 9, 11a.m.-1:30 p.m.
UMass Student Union

"CERC is hosting a Day of Action (a Rally & evening Candle Light Vigil) in solidarity with Carrying the Weight Together on Monday, March 9th to demand UMass Administration take REAL action to End Sexual Violence and Rape Culture at UMass.

Let's help carry the burden of weight shouldered by survivors of sexual violence together by raising our voices and demanding UMass admin implement a "Survivor's Bill of Rights" to increase support, resources and services for survivors and to institute comprehensive sexual violence prevention programs and prosecution policies at UMass.

We will be having a "Speak Out" outside the Student Union and will be marching to the Whitmore Administration building. At 6:00pm we will be holding a Candle Light Vigil to honor those who have lost their lives to sexual violence. We will begin our walk from the Whitmore Administration Building to Amherst Center in silence."

13. [International Women's Day Celebration 2015](#)

Tuesday, March 10, 5-7 p.m.

UMass New Africa House, Room 203

"Join the Center for Women & Community and International Programs Office for a Celebration of International Women's Day 2015. The evening will feature various performances, children's activities, henna designs, international hors d'oeuvres and much more. Students, families with children and community members are welcome. The event is free and wheelchair accessible."

14. **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

15. **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>

16. **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

17. [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>

18. [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.

19. [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.

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/>

21. [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