

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
November 12, 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. **List of Spring Five-College Queer and Sexuality Studies Courses**
2. **Western Massachusetts GLSEN Conference -- 11/14, 9 a.m., Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School, 161 Lower Westfield Rd, Holyoke**
3. **Stonewall Center After Hours -- 11/16, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
4. **Trans Providers Panel -- 11/17, 7 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton & Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton**
5. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 11/17, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
6. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group -- 11/18, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday), 102 Wilder Hall**
7. **Trans Day Remembrance -- 11/19, 5:30 p.m., Unitarian Society, 220 Main St., Northampton**
8. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group -- 11/23, 7:30-9 p.m., 904-08 Campus Center**
9. **HIV and STD (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) Testing -- 12/1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 165-69 UMass Campus Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **Poet Samuel Ace at Mount Holyoke College -- 11/12, 7:30 p.m., Cassani Room, 202 Shattuck Hall, Mount Holyoke College**
11. **Screening of *Kate Bornstein Is a Queer & Pleasant Danger* with filmmaker Sam Feder -- 11/ 12, 6-8 p.m., 112 Adele Simmons Hall, Hampshire College**
12. **OUTING Trans History Dialogue -- 11/13, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Queer Resource Center, Morrow Residence Hall, Amherst College**
13. **LGBTQ People of Color Meeting -- 11/13, 6-7:30 p.m., 903 UMass Campus Center**
14. **Nostras Voces Workshop and Submissions for Performance**
15. **BLACK LIGHT Queer and Trans Party -- 11/13, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Basement of Lipton Dorm, Amherst College**
16. **Mount Holyoke College FAMILIA's Annual Gaysgiving -- 11/14, 5-7 p.m., Jeannette Marks House, Mount Holyoke College**
17. **Lady Jam: A Night of Female A Capella -- 11/14, 7 p.m., 65 Bartlett Hall, UMass**

18. **Five College TransActive Luncheon -- 11/15, 1-2:30 p.m., Queer Resource Center, Morrow Residence Hall, Amherst College**
19. **Sharon Holland, "Vocabularies of Vulnerability" -- 11/16, 5 p.m., 106 Seelye Hall, Smith College**
20. **Trans Day of Remembrance Discussion Panel -- 11/16, 7-8:30 p.m., Student Union Art Gallery, UMass**
21. **Lee Mokobe, "A powerful poem about what it feels like to be transgender" -- 11/17, noon-1, Adele Simmons Hall 111, Hampshire College**
22. **Open Discussion: "Transness, Community, and the Internet" -- 11/18, 6-8 p.m., Center for Feminisms, Hampshire College**
23. **Amber Hollibaugh and Yana Calou, "Invisible Lives, Targeted Bodies: Queer Precarity and the Myth of Gay Affluence" -- 11/18, 5 p.m., UMass Campus Center, 162-175**
24. **QTPOC Five College Social Dinner -- 11/18, 5-6 p.m., Queer Resource Center, Amherst College**
25. **Transcending Boundaries Conference -- 11/20-11/22, Sheraton Hotel, Springfield**
26. **LGBTQ Gender Role Free Contra Dance -- 11/21, 7-10 p.m., Montague Community Hall, 34 Main St., Montague**
27. **Apply to Be a UMass RA**
28. **Five College Reception for Faculty Members and Staff Members of Color --12/10, 4:30-6 p.m., Hampshire College Red Barn**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **List of Spring Five-College Queer and Sexuality Studies Courses**
<http://www.umass.edu/stonewall/courses/>

These courses count toward the Five College Queer and Sexuality Studies certificate:
<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/queerstudies>

2. **Western Massachusetts GLSEN Conference**
Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.
Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School, 161 Lower Westfield Rd., Holyoke

"GLSEN Massachusetts conferences are an opportunity for hundreds of students and educators to spend a day building community and sharing resources for creating safer, more affirming

schools for LGBTQ youth, educators, and their allies. Join us for a day of community and conversation about empowering LGBTQ youth in K-12 schools.

The theme of the 2015 GLSEN Fall Conference is "Both/And." With this theme, we strive to explore our varied and multiple identities, how they connect and overlap, and how they are impacted by place and context. We want conference attendees to bring their whole selves to the conference and build together." Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1091366574215793/>

3. [Stonewall Center After Hours](#)

Monday, Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

"Come and spend time at the Stonewall Center after it's been closed for the night! Let's play games, do some work, have cool conversations, eat food, & chill out."

4. [Trans Providers Panel](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton & Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton

Local therapists, physicians, and other professionals will discuss the work they do to support trans people. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1515169632140362/>

Panelists include:

Melissa Johnson, Plastic Surgeon, Pioneer Valley Plastic Surgery, Springfield

J. Aleah Nesteby, Nurse Practitioner, Transgender Services, Baystate

Shannon L. Sennott, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker,

Northampton Sex Therapy Associates

Bernadette Stark, Attorney, Dinsmore Stark Attorneys At Law, Northampton

5. [Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday for the rest of the semester)

UMass Campus Center, Room 905

Led by a trans-identified therapist. For more information: genny@umass.edu or (413) 545-4826. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH).

6. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group**

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday for the rest of the semester)
102 Wilder Hall, UMass

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 this weekly support and discussion group. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health.

7. **Transgender Day Remembrance**

Thursday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton

Dinner to follow. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/532461920245879>

8. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group**

Monday, Nov. 23, 7:30-9 p.m.
904-08 Campus Center

Are you an LGBTQIA graduate student wondering how to approach faculty about your name and/or gender pronouns? Not sure if you should come out to the class for which you are a TA? Seeking support for coming out to family or friends? This group is for you! Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Graduate College.

9. **HIV and STD (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) Testing**

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, Room 165-69

Testing is conducted by UHS. There is typically no cost: most UMass students will have their insurance cover testing. HIV testing involves a finger prick and results are available in 20-30 minutes.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [Poet Samuel Ace at Mount Holyoke College](#)

Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Cassani Room, 202 Shattuck Hall, Mount Holyoke College

"Samuel Ace is the author of three collections of poetry: *Normal Sex*, *Home in three days*. *Don't wash.*, and most recently, *Stealth*, with poet Maureen Seaton. He is a recipient of a New York Foundation for the Arts grant, two-time finalist for a Lambda Literary Award in Poetry, winner of the Astraea Lesbian Writer's Fund Prize in Poetry, the Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction, the Firecracker Alternative Book Award in poetry. He was also a recent finalist for the National Poetry Series." Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/940051999399601/>

11. [Screening of *Kate Bornstein Is a Queer & Pleasant Danger* with filmmaker Sam Feder](#)

Thursday, Nov. 12, 6-8 p.m.

112 Adele Simmons Hall, Hampshire College

"Performance artist and writer Kate Bornstein explodes binaries while deconstructing gender—and her own identity. Trans-dyke. Reluctant polyamorist. Sadomasochist. Recovering Scientologist. Pioneering gender outlaw. Sam Feder's playful and meditative portrait on Bornstein, captures rollicking public performances and painful personal revelations as it bears witness to Kate as a trailblazing artist-theorist-activist who inhabits a space between male and female with wit, style and astonishing candor." Dinner will be served

12. [OUTING Trans History Dialogue](#)

Friday, Nov. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Queer Resource Center, Morrow Residence Hall, Amherst College

A dialogue discussing trans history both within and beyond the United States. Dinner will be served

13. [LGBTQ People of Color Meeting](#)

Friday, Nov. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

903 UMass Campus Center

Sponsored by the LGBTQ People of Color Group. Future meetings will be at the same time and location on Nov. 20, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11.

14. [Nostras Voces Workshop and Submissions for Performance](#)

Nostras Voces (Our Voices in Latin) is being offered this year at UMass instead of the Vagina Monologues. A monologue workshop will be offered on Friday, November 13 from 5-7 p.m. in Campus Center 905-09. Bring paper and something to write with, prepared pieces optional.

The submission deadline is Tuesday, December 1st at midnight. Submissions can be monologues, spoken word, slam poetry, or any other type of performance. Performance auditions will be Monday, December 7th & Tuesday, December 8th, 7-11:45pm
Nothing needs to be prepared for the auditions.

Any other questions can be directed to hhewson@umass.edu

15. [BLACK LIGHT Queer and Trans Party](#)

Friday, Nov. 13, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Basement of Lipton Dorm, Amherst College

Wear neon or white and anything and everything glow in the dark. Free to Five College students. Featuring DJ Cruz. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/718645278271688/>

16. [Mount Holyoke College FAMILIA's Annual Gaysgiving](#)

Saturday, Nov. 14. 5-7 p.m.

Jeannette Marks House, 5 Faculty Lane, Mount Holyoke College

"We invite all five College QTPOC to our annual Gaysgiving on Nov 14th! Our members will be preparing a non-WASP traditional homemade Thanksgiving dinner. FAMILIA is Mount Holyoke's closed QPOC student organization." More info at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1661914764053236/>

17. [Lady Jam: A Night of Female A Capella](#)

Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

65 Bartlett Hall, UMass

Featuring S#arp Attitude, UMass's only female A Cappella group, and groups from Mount Holyoke, Smith, and UNH. Free.

18. [Five College TransActive Luncheon](#)

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1-2:30 p.m.

Queer Resource Center, Morrow Residence Hall, Amherst College

An intergenerational dialogue with trans youth and elders. This is a closed space for those who identify within the trans community and/or are questioning their gender. Lunch will be served

19. [Sharon Holland, "Vocabularies of Vulnerability"](#)

Monday, Nov. 16, 5 p.m.

106 Seelye Hall, Smith College

Also a Faculty Seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College

Sharon Holland is a professor of American Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and is the author of *Raising the Dead: Readings of Death and (Black) Subjectivity* (Duke University Press, 2000). Holland's most recent book, *The Erotic Life of Racism* (Duke University Press, 2012), is a theoretical project that explores the intersection of Critical Race, Feminist, and Queer Theory.

20. [Trans Day of Remembrance Discussion Panel](#)

Monday, Nov. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

Student Union Art Gallery, UMass

A panel discussion about the future of holding the Trans Day of Remembrance and how it should be done in the future.

21. [Lee Mokobe, "A powerful poem about what it feels like to be transgender"](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 17, noon-1

Adele Simmons Hall 111, Hampshire College

"As a part of Community Advocacy's Series TED talks. Lee Mokobe: A powerful poem about

what it feels like to be transgender. "I was the mystery of an anatomy, a question asked but not answered," says poet Lee Mokobe, a TED Fellow, in this gripping and poetic exploration of identity and transition. It's a thoughtful reflection on bodies, and the meanings poured into them." Lunch provided.

22. [Open Discussion: "Transness, Community, and the Internet"](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Center for Feminisms, Hampshire College

"This will be an open discussion about how the Internet and social media have affected our gender identities/gender feelings." Dinner provided.

23. [Amber Hollibaugh and Yana Calou, "Invisible Lives, Targeted Bodies: Queer Precarity and the Myth of Gay Affluence"](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5 p.m.

UMass Campus Center, 162-175

"A well-known activist, artist, public intellectual and community organizer, Amber Hollibaugh is currently a Senior Activist Fellow at the Barnard Center for Research for Women where she directs the Queer Survival Economies project. She was a founding member and formerly the Executive Director of Queers for Economic Justice (QEJ). Yana Calou is a manager, writer, communications strategist, and spokesperson for economic justice, LGBTQ, and feminist campaigns in New York City. Working with the Retail Action Project, Yana is a media trainer with experience leading national, state, and local media campaigns for community-based organizations that have worked for the NYC Living Wage Bill."

24. [QTPOC Five College Social Dinner](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5-6 p.m.

Queer Resource Center, Amherst College

"Join the Amherst College Queer Resource Center for our monthly Queer/Trans People of Color Social Dinner. Coming together for food, discussion, and community building. This event is open to the Five College community--students, staff & faculty. This is a closed space for Queer/Trans people of color." Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/201738826824560/>

25. Transcending Boundaries Conference

November 20-22

Sheraton Hotel, Springfield

"Our keynote speaker for 2015 is noted bisexual activist Faith Cheltenham. Transcending Boundaries was created with the intent of gathering and forming alliances within the bisexual/pansexual, trans/genderqueer, intersex, polyamorous, kink, asexual, and allied communities, but we have grown to be so much more. We are now an open forum for anyone who has an interest, opinion, or position to gather, network, and learn from each other. This conference is designed to increase understanding, build solidarity, and encourage activism among our communities. Transcending Boundaries has a history of creating welcoming, stimulating environments. This is a great place to feel at home being yourself, even if you don't fit into a nice, neat box of sexuality, gender or relationships.

Students can register for \$60 each individually and student groups of 10 or more receive a discounted rate of \$50 per attendee. In addition, we have a scholarship fund which allows us to cover the attendance cost for people in financial need. Information on our programming, registration forms, hotel information and the scholarship application form are all available on our website <http://transcendingboundaries.org>."

26. LGBTQ Gender Role Free Contra Dance

Saturday, Nov. 21, 7-10 p.m.

Montague Community Hall, 34 Main St., Montague

\$10-\$7 sliding scale, \$5 with student ID. Beginners welcome! Come at 7 p.m. to get the most instruction. Please bring soft-soled non-street shoes to protect the wooden dance floor. Also please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes and other highly scented products. All dances smoke, drug, and alcohol free. For more information: <http://www.lcfd.org/westma>

27. Apply to Be a UMass RA

"Applications for the 2016-2017 Resident Assistant positions are now available! Please visit http://www.housing.umass.edu/hr/ra_position.html for the online application. Applications and UMass Reference are due on November 30th at 12:00pm. All applicants must enroll and complete the EDUC 391R: RA Course to be considered for hire."

28. Five College Reception for Faculty Members and Staff Members of Color

Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30-6 p.m.

Hampshire College Red Barn (behind the Hampshire College Admissions Office)

"Please come for food and drink, meeting old friends and new colleagues, networking and discussions."

To submit a listing or to subscribe/unsubscribe, email us: stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu