

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
November 25, 2015

**UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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6. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group --12/2, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall, UMass**
7. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group -- 12/7, 7:30-9 p.m., 904-08 Campus Center**

**LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **"TransVisible with Bamby Salcedo" -- 12/3, 6:30 p.m., Multicultural Resource Center, Keefe Campus Center, Room 112, Amherst College**
9. **TransParents Monthly Meeting --12/3, 6:30-8 p.m., Holyoke**
10. **LGBTQ People of Color Meeting -- 12/4, 6-7:30 p.m., 903 UMass Campus Center**
11. **Apply to Be a UMass RA: 11/30 Deadline**
12. **Workshop Proposals Now Being Accepted for the 2016 Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference: Due 12/4**
13. **Nostras Voces Submissions for Performance**
14. **Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus "We are Lights" Holiday Concert -- 12/6, 3 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Elm St., Northampton**
15. **PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting --12/8, 6-8 p.m., Community Room at Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 325B King Street, Northampton**
16. **Five College Reception for Faculty Members and Staff Members of Color --12/10, 4:30-6 p.m., Hampshire College Red Barn**

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## STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 1. UMass Students: Apply to Be Part of the Spectrum LGBTQIA Residence Hall Floor

Applications for living in next year's Spectrum: LGBTQIA+ Community are live! Students who live in this space on campus will have opportunities to connect meaningfully with other students, go on field trips, and lead the community with dialogues and events in the 2016-2017 academic year. We hope you will consider applying! Learn more about Spectrum at [www.housing.umass.edu/living/drc.html](http://www.housing.umass.edu/living/drc.html).

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### 2. 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>

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### 3. 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.

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### 4. Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 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. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH).

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### 5. Shaha Performance and Discussion: Racism in the LGBTQIA+ Community

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

UMass Campus Center, Room 165-69

This performance will focus on race and its intersectionalities, and a facilitated discussion will follow that addresses racism and how it manifests in LGBTQIA+ spaces and communities. Sponsored by Shaha, the Stonewall Center, and the Spectrum floor.

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#### 6. [LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 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.

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#### 7. [LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group](#)

Monday, Dec. 7, 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.

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### LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### 8. ["TransVisible with Bamby Salcedo"](#)

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Multicultural Resource Center, Keefe Campus Center, Room 112, Amherst College

"Bamby Salcedo is a trans Latina activist and a Mexican immigrant. She is the founder of Angles of Change and the TransLatin@ Coalition, organizations aimed at providing support and resources for trans people of all ages. In 2014 she received a national recognition for her activist work from the National LGBTQ Task Force and in 2015 she was featured in OUT Magazine's OUT100. Join us in learning more about her story and the intersections of her identities."

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1665830187035424/>

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#### 9. [TransParents Monthly Meeting](#)

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.

Holyoke

TransParents is a support group for parents of transgender, gender non-conforming or questioning, children, teenagers, and adults. Please contact [PVTransParents1@gmail.com](mailto:PVTransParents1@gmail.com) for meeting location and more information.

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

Friday, Dec. 4, 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 Dec. 11.

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#### 11. [Apply to Be a UMass RA: 11/30 Deadline](#)

"Applications for the 2016-2017 Resident Assistant positions are now available! Please visit [http://www.housing.umass.edu/hr/ra\\_position.html](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."

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#### 12. [Workshop Proposals Now Being Accepted for the 2016 Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference: Due 12/4](#)

"The 2016 Queer Conference will take place March 4-5, 2016 at Hampshire College in Amherst. The Queer Conference is student-led, and aims to offer an accountable and supportive environment to further explore a wide range of topics and their intersections, such as race, genders, sexualities, ability, class, kink, survival strategies, and many more, in a specifically queer context.

The Queer Conference strives to provide a safer space for engaging, learning, and fostering community with a wide range of workshops, panels, performances, and lectures by student leaders, Five College faculty and staff, off-campus educators, and nationally-known performers

and speakers.

Workshops are due December 4th. <http://hamp.it/queerconfworkshop>. For more information about the conference and to check out previous workshops go [hampshire.edu/queerconf](http://hampshire.edu/queerconf) "

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### 13. [Nostras Voces Submissions for Performance](#)

Nostras Voces (Our Voices in Latin) is being offered this year at UMass instead of the Vagina Monologues. 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](mailto:hhewson@umass.edu)

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### 14. [Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus "We are Lights" Holiday Concert](#)

Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Elm St., Northampton

"Join the PVGMC for an afternoon celebrating the winter holiday season with a selection of music, both traditional and modern, including a sing-along of popular seasonal tunes! \$5 for students and seniors, \$15 for adults, FREE for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from chorus members or at the door." Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1485434975091973/>

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

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m.

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

"PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) offers welcoming support, education, and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, their families, friends, and allies. Patrick Walden, LICSW, will be joining us for the first hour of our December 8th meeting for a workshop on Supporting our Queer and Trans Loved Ones During the Holidays, and a Q&A following." More information: 413-625-6636, [jcmalinski48@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalinski48@gmail.com), or on Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

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16. [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."

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