

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
November 6, 2015

#### UMASS STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. **UMass Night Out Open Mic -- 11/6, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
2. **Stonewall Center After Hours -- 11/9, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
3. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group -- 11/9, 7:30-9 p.m., 904-08 Campus Center**
4. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 11/10, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
5. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group -- 11/11, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday), 102 Wilder Hall**
6. **Western Massachusetts GLSEN Conference -- 11/14, 9 a.m., Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School, 161 Lower Westfield Rd, Holyoke**
7. **Trans Providers Panel -- 11/17, 7 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton & Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton**
8. **Trans Day Remembrance -- 11/19, 5:30 p.m., Unitarian Society, 220 Main St., Northampton**
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. **Student Leaders in Violence Prevention Training -- 10/7 & 10/8, New Africa House, UMass**
11. **Workshop on Communicating about Consent in Sexual Relationships -- 11/8, 3 p.m.**
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15. **Mount Holyoke College FAMILIA's Annual Gaysgiving -- 11/14, 5-7 p.m., Jeannette Marks House, Mount Holyoke College**
16. **Sharon Holland, "Vocabularies of Vulnerability" -- 11/16, 5 p.m., 106 Seelye Hall, Smith College**

17. **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**
18. **QTPOC Five College Social Dinner -- 11/18, 5-6 p.m., Queer Resource Center, Amherst College**
19. **Transcending Boundaries Conference -- 11/20-11/22, Sheraton Hotel, Springfield**
20. **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 Night Out Open Mic**  
Friday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.  
UMass Student Union Ballroom

Sponsored by UPC, the Stonewall Center, the Craft Center, CEPA, Earthfoods, People's Market, and Greeno Sub Shop. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1711296902422909>

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2. **Stonewall Center After Hours**  
Monday, Nov. 9, 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."

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3. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group**  
Monday, Nov. 9, 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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#### 4. [Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 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](mailto:genny@umass.edu) or (413) 545-4826. Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH).

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

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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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#### 6. [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/>

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#### 7. [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

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#### 8. [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>

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#### 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.

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### LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### 10. [Student Leaders in Violence Prevention Training](#)

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9-5, and Sunday, November 8, 9-2

New Africa House, UMass

"We invite emerging and current student leaders to join us to learn about trauma-informed education, effective approaches to end violence, and best practices in prevention. This training will provide participants with the opportunity to apply their learning by developing intentional,

coordinated programs for sexual assault prevention. Student leaders who complete the training series will receive a certificate of completion, a shirt, and an invitation to participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month events. Please call us at 413-545-0883 for more information."

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11. [Workshop on Communicating about Consent in Sexual Relationships](#)  
Sunday, Nov. 8, 3 p.m.

"Cindy Beal will present an interactive workshop on consent in sexual relationships - with a focus on the bisexual, pansexual and queer communities, which recent statistics show can face personal safety risks. Cindy has worked in this field for many years and has been an educator in the Unitarian Universalist community." Sponsored by the Bisexual, Pansexual and Queer Meetup. Join the group for details and to RSVP: <http://www.meetup.com/Pioneer-Valley-Bisexual-Pansexual-and-Queer-Meetup/>

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12. [Andrea J. Ritchie, "#SayHerName: Black Women's Experiences of State Violence & Police Brutality"](#)  
Monday, Nov. 9, 5:30-7 p.m.  
Franklin Patterson Hall, Main Lecture Hall, Hampshire College

"Numerous Black women have been killed by or after encounters with police in 2015 alone, yet Black women have been erased from the national conversation on police killings. What is state violence, and how is it experienced by Black women, girls, and gender nonconforming people? Join accomplished civil rights attorney Andrea Ritchie for a discussion of policing, racial profiling, and the erasure of Black women's narratives of state violence."

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13. [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/>

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14. [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

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15. [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/>

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16. [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.

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17. [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."

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#### 18. [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/>

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#### 19. [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>."

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20. [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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