

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley  
October 2, 2015

Look for a graphics version of Queer-e coming soon!

#### 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]

1. **Queer Geek Fest -- TONIGHT! (10/2), 7-9 p.m., Quarters, 8 Railroad St., Hadley**
2. **New Speakers Informational Meeting and Training Session for the Stonewall Center's Speakers Bureau -- 10/5, 4 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
3. **Stonewall After Hours --10/5, 6-8 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
4. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 10/6, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
5. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group -- 10/7, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday), 102 Wilder Hall**
6. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group -- 10/13, 7:30-9 p.m., Campus Center**
7. **Julio Capó, Jr., "Queering Latina/o Migration" -- 10/19, noon, Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
8. **Janet Mock, "Redefining Realness: A Discussion with Janet Mock on Race and Gender" -- 10/28, 7:30 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
9. **Queerture Feature: An All Day Horror Film Event -- 10/29, noon-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
10. **LGBTQIA Mentorship Program for Incoming and Returning UMass Students**
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## Dining Commons, Greenfield

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## STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 1. **Queer Geek Fest**

Friday, Oct. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Quarters, 8 Railroad St., Hadley

The Stonewall Center's semi-annual Queer Geek Fest! Come grab some great food and play retro video games with your fellow geeky queers. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/912953962118178>

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### 2. **New Speakers Informational Meeting and Training Session for the Stonewall Center's Speakers Bureau**

Monday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

The Stonewall Center is looking for people interested in volunteering as panelists for our Speakers Bureau. It is a great volunteer, skill building, & networking opportunity. The Speakers Bureau has a very flexible time commitment and can easily fit into your class/work schedule. Come learn more and complete training this Monday. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

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### 3. Stonewall After Hours

Monday, Oct. 5, 6-8 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

The first After Hours of the semester! A safe and inclusive space for all LGBTQIA or Questioning individuals who wish to have and be part of a super open queer community. Come do homework, play some games, hangout, socialize and make new friends! This is a relaxed, open space that is welcoming to all Five College students. Wheelchair accessible, has a gender-inclusive bathroom.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 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, Oct. 7, 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. LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

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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7. [Julio Capó, Jr., "Queering Latina/o Migration"](#)

Monday, Oct. 19, noon

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Julio Capó, Jr. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History and the Commonwealth Honors College at UMass. Catering provided by La Veracruzana. Wheelchair accessible, gender-inclusive bathroom available. Interpreter services available upon request. This event is held in celebration of Latin@ Heritage Month and National LGBT Center Day.

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8. [Janet Mock, "Redefining Realness: A Discussion with Janet Mock on Race and Gender"](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

UMass Student Union Ballroom

This event is being held to mark the 30th anniversary of the UMass Stonewall Center. Free and open to the public. A book signing will follow the talk.

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9. [Queerture Feature: An All Day Horror Film Event](#)

Thursday, Oct. 29, noon-9 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Come watch some great queer horror films! We are going to have movies ranging from campy, to scary, to so-bad-they're-good (gotta love those low budgets!) plus lots of snacks to munch on. Sponsored by the UMass Pride Alliance and the Stonewall Center. The Pride Alliance will be having their meeting at 7 p.m. to watch more movies and do spooky nail painting/creepy makeovers.

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10. [LGBTQIA Mentorship Program for Incoming and Returning UMass Students](#)

Are you looking for a mentor to support you through navigating the school semester, queer community, or simply an LGBTQIA friend here? The Stonewall Center's Peer Mentorship Program matches first-year and transfer students to a mentor within the UMass queer community to provide academic, social, and emotional support. This program is dedicated to building community among LGBTQIA students on campus by fostering relationships between incoming and returning students. Through peer support, incoming students have the opportunity to grasp queer campus life and have help understanding the complexity of the university. To apply, go to [www.umass.edu/stonewall](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall)

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### 11. [Attend the 28th Creating Change: The National Conference on LGBT Equality for Free -- Deadline 10/8](#)

Creating Change is the premier annual organizing and skills-building event for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and asexual community and their allies. The program features over 350 workshops and training sessions, four plenary sessions, tons of networking opportunities, and many really fun events. The Conference is taking place in Chicago from January 21-24, 2016.

The Stonewall Center is looking to pay for 16 students to attend the conference. To be considered as one of the students sent by the center, fill out the application available through [www.umass.edu/stonewall](http://www.umass.edu/stonewall) by Thursday, October 8.

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## LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 12. [Free Film Screening: \*The Salt Mines\*](#)

Saturday, Oct. 3, 3-4:30 p.m.

Forbes Library Community Room, Northampton

"Come check out a raw and forgotten piece of LGBTQ history! Released in 1990, *The Salt Mines* takes viewers into the world of Sara, Gigi, Giovanna and other people navigating a world of shifting gender and sexual identities, immigration, homelessness and sex work. Set largely in the NYC winter salt deposits and sanitation trucks-turned-into-shelter the film gives a story of community in the most unlikely places."

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### 13. ["Maim That Tune Sing-Along Drag Show"](#)

Saturday, Oct. 3, 7-10:30 p.m.

Diva's Nightclub, 492 Pleasant St., Northampton

"This October, join Hors and friends along for a brand new, drag experience in Western Massachusetts. Maim That Tune is The Pioneer Valley's first, interactive, sing-along drag show. For our debut show, we're transporting you through time and space with this month's theme: The Magic Time Machine. You heard us correctly! We have 10 drag queens and kings bringing acts representing different periods in time. Doors at 7 pm; show at 8 pm. Ages 21 and up; \$10 at the door. Get discounted tickets at this link or grab full price tickets at the door on the day of the show: <https://squareup.com/market/HDE-tickets> "

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14. "Guilty Pleasure": A Monthly Top 100 & Throwback Dance Night

Saturday, Oct. 3 (and every first Saturday), 10 pm-2 am

Diva's, 492 Pleasant Street, Northampton

"We'll play all your favorite guilty pleasures: from songs that you can't help but jam out to in the car to the tracks you play while getting ready with friends." 21+ Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1204458622904474/>

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15. Allen Young, "Butterworth Farm"

Monday Oct. 5, 6-7 p.m.

Wistariahurst Museum, 238 Cabot Street Holyoke

"Allen Young is the sole surviving founder of a community known as Butterworth Farm, launched in 1973 in Royalston by a group of gay men as part of the back-to-the-land movement. The community, consisting of four houses, sits on one hundred acres includes gay and non-gay residents redefining what it means to be a family." Admission is \$7 general or \$5 for members.

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16. Women of Color Leadership Network October Social Hour

Wednesday, Oct. 7, noon-2

127 New Africa House, UMass

"The Women of Color Leadership Network at CWC would like to invite you to our first Social Hour of this year! Social Hour is a time for networking and making connections. Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply just to say hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served."

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17. Free Film Screening: *Gen Silent*

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8:30-10 a.m.

Greenfield Community College Dining Commons, Greenfield

"Join us for a special screening of *Gen Silent*, a documentary shedding light on the issue of discrimination against members of the LGBT community as they age, many of whom fought the earliest battles for equality. The film chronicles a year in the life of six LGBT seniors who are facing these issues once again as their need for healthcare grows, and the small group of professionals trying to help them. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion on topics

raised in the film. Free and open to the public."

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18. [UMass Central Area Block Party](#)

Thursday, Oct. 8 (rain date Oct. 15), 3:30-6:30

Infirmery Way, UMass

"The Center for Women & Community (CWC), Afro-American Studies Department; Center for Counseling & Psychological Health (CCPH); Center for Health Promotion (CHP); Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success (CMASS); Justine White Eagle Cultural Center (JWECC); International Programs Office (IPO); UMass Police Department (UMPD); Residential Education will be holding a FREE Central Area Block Party! We are going to block off a portion of Infirmery Way and host an interactive party with live music, food, games, and crafts. Open to students & community."

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19. [What Can I Ask: New and Selected Poems 1975-2014: A Book Reading by Elana Dykewomon](#)

Friday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.

White Rose Bookstore, 284 High Street, Holyoke

"Drawing on Elana Dykewomon's impressive body of poetry, *What Can I Ask: New and Selected Poems 1975-2014* assembles into a single volume poems from Dykewomon's three published collections, as well as a selection of newer, uncollected poems. Dykewomon continues asking questions and reaching for answers, demonstrating the power of poetry to comfort and enrage, inspire and arouse."

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20. [Monthly Franklin-Hampshire PFLAG \(Parents, Friends, and Family of LGBTQ People\) Meeting](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m.

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

Boston-area trans activist and author Grace Anne Stevens is the guest speaker. More information: 413-625-6636, [jcmalinski48@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalinski48@gmail.com), or Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

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21. [On Being Transgender and Growing Older: Personal, Health, and Legal Perspectives](#)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 4-6:30 p.m.  
Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Panelists will include trans individuals and professionals with expertise in trans health and legal concerns. Refreshments will be served.

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22. [Support Groups Offered This Fall at the Center for Women and Community \(CWC\): Support Connect Heal Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence and Share Your Strength: Storytelling Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence](#)

**Support Connect Heal Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence**

Date(s): early October through early December 2015

Brief Description: This group is open to survivors of sexual violence of all gender identifies. It is intended for survivors seeking to cope, connect, and heal with other survivors. With a focus on coping, group discussions will include topics such as shame, self-blame, relationships, breaking silence, anger, loss, self-worth and empowerment. This group will provide a safe, supportive and non-judgmental space for survivors to share their experiences. To schedule an intake please call 413-545-5839.

**Share Your Strength: Storytelling Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence**

Date(s): Wednesdays, Fall Semester 2015

Brief Description: This group will focus on building trust and inviting each survivor to share their story however they chooses to define it. This group will also focus on topics such as breaking silence, shame, coping, triggers and self-worth. Open to all genders and abilities.

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