

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
October 30, 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. **HIV and STD (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) Testing -- 11/2, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 165-69 UMass Campus Center**
2. **Stonewall Center After Hours -- 11/2, 6-9 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
3. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 11/3, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
4. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group -- 11/4, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday), 102 Wilder Hall**
5. **UMass Night Out Open Mic -- 11/6, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
6. **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Support Group -- 11/9, 7:30-9 p.m., 904-08 Campus Center**
7. **Trans Providers Panel -- 11/17, 7 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton & Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton**
8. **Trans Day Remembrance March and Program -- 11/19, 5:30 p.m., First Churches, 129 Main St. & 6 p.m., Unitarian Society, 220 Main St., Northampton**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. **Lourdes Ashley Hunter, "Shifting the Narrative: Social Justice Movements Abandoning Inclusion for Collective Liberation" -- 10/30, 4 p.m., Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall, Smith College**
10. **Lesléa Newman, Reading from *I Carry My Mother* -- 11/2, 7 p.m., Springfield Jewish Community Center**
11. **Women of Color Leadership Network November Social Hour -- 11/4, noon-2, 127 New Africa House, UMass**
12. **TransParents Support Group Monthly Meeting -- 11/5, 6:30-8 p.m. (and the first Thursday of every month), Holyoke**
13. **Student Leaders in Violence Prevention Training -- 10/7 & 10/8, New Africa House, UMass**
14. **Workshop on Communicating about Consent in Sexual Relationships -- 11/8, 3 p.m.**
15. **Andrea J. Ritchie, "#SayHerName: Black Women's Experiences of State Violence & Police Brutality" -- 11/9, 5:30-7 p.m., Franklin Patterson Hall, Main Lecture Hall, Hampshire College**
16. **Sharon Holland, "Vocabularies of Vulnerability" -- 11/17, 5:30 p.m., Franklin**

Patterson Hall, Hampshire 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

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. HIV and STD (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) Testing

Monday, Nov. 2, 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.

2. Stonewall Center After Hours

Monday, Nov. 2, 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."

3. Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 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).

4. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 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.

5. [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>

6. [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.

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

8. [Trans Day Remembrance March and Program](#)

Thursday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

Candlelit march to the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., for a 6 p.m. program of speakers and performers. Dinner to follow. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/532461920245879>

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. [Lourdes Ashley Hunter, "Shifting the Narrative: Social Justice Movements Abandoning Inclusion for Collective Liberation"](#)

Friday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m.

Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall, Smith College

"Join us as Lourdes Ashley Hunter, MPA talks about how her work and research in social justice organizing has elevated global platforms for trans and gender non-conforming people of color to step into their leadership and live unapologetically in their truths."

Hunter is the National Director of the Trans Women of Color Collective, the Chief Communications Officer for the DC LGBT Center, and a member of the leadership team of Black Lives Matter (BLM National). Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/630763853732570/>

10. [Lesléa Newman, Reading from *I Carry My Mother*](#)

Monday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.

Springfield Jewish Community Center

"Noted author Lesléa Newman will read from her book, *I Carry my Mother*, a sequence of poems exploring the author's journey through her mother's illness and death and her own grief. The pages depict an accurate description of changing emotional states, all born of the closeness, humor, and love in a mother-daughter relationship, and will resonate with anyone who has lost a parent, spouse or loved one. Lesléa Newman is the author of 65 books for readers of all ages,

including the bestselling children's book *Heather Has Two Mommies*." Free for JCC Members, \$5 General Public

11. [Women of Color Leadership Network November Social Hour](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 4, noon-2

127 New Africa House, UMass

"This 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 come to say hello. Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served."

12. [TransParents Support Group Monthly Meeting](#)

Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30-8 p.m. (and the first Thursday of every month)

Holyoke

TransParents is a support group for parents and family of transgender, gender nonconforming or questioning, children, teenagers, and adults. Please contact PVTransParents1@gmail.com for the location and more information.

13. [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."

14. [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/>

15. [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."

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

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

Also a Faculty Seminar on Monday, Nov. 16 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.

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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