

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
September 18, 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, or call us at (413) 545-4824]

1. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 9/22, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
2. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group -- 9/23, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Wednesday), 102 Wilder Hall**
3. **HIV and STD (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) Testing -- 9/29, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 174-76 UMass Campus Center**
4. **What Does the "A" in LGBTQIA+ Stand for? (If you answered "ally," you're not a very good one): An Introductory LGBTQIA+ Workshop -- 9/30, 5-6:30 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass**
5. **Save the Date: "Redefining Realness: A Discussion with Janet Mock on Race and Gender" -- 10/28, 7:30 p.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
6. **LGBTQIA Mentorship Program for Incoming and Returning UMass Students**
7. **Attend the 28th Creating Change: The National Conference on LGBT Equality for Free**
8. **Umass Undergrad and Grad Students Are Being Sought for the Stonewall Center Advisory Board: Deadline 9/25**
9. **Volunteers Needed at the Stonewall Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **Walk for Justice -- 9/19, Walk starts at 10 a.m. from Haigis Mall and the event ends around 1:30 p.m. at Sweetser Park, downtown Amherst**
11. **LaMonda Horton-Stallings, "Funk The Erotic: Transaesthetics and Black Sexual Cultures" -- 9/22, 4:30-6 p.m., UMass Integrative Learning Center, room N231**
12. **Kat Zubko, "Trans* Bodies at the Limits of Intelligibility" -- 9/24, 5 p.m., Seelye Hall 201, Smith College**
13. **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**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 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).

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 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.

3. [HIV and STD \(Gonorrhea and Chlamydia\) Testing](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, Room 174-76

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.

4. [What Does the "A" in LGBTQIA+ Stand for? \(If you answered "ally," you're not a very good one\): An Introductory LGBTQIA+ Workshop](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5-6:30 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

This introductory workshop on LGBTQIA+ identities and issues will answer this question and many more. Learn how to make UMass safer and more accessible, and learn how to express solidarity with members of our communities. Whether you're LGBTQIA+ or not, this workshop is for you. No RSVP necessary.

5. [Save the Date: "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.

6. [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

7. [Attend the 28th Creating Change: The National Conference on LGBT Equality for Free](#)

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 by Thursday, October 8.

8. [UMass Undergrad and Grad Students Are Being Sought for the Stonewall Center Advisory Board: Deadline 9/25](#)

The center is establishing the board to help shape the priorities and future directions of the center. The board will meet 1-2 times per semester. If you are interested in being on the board,

go to www.umass.edu/stonewall

9. [Volunteers Needed at the Stonewall Center](#)

We can use your help with programs, events, and office tasks! To apply, please fill out our volunteer form at www.umass.edu/stonewall/working

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [Walk for Justice](#)

Saturday, Sept. 19

Walk starts at 10 a.m. from Haigis Mall and the event ends around 1:30 p.m. at Sweetser Park, downtown Amherst

"The 5k-Walk For Justice - organized by the Amherst National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and co-sponsored by the Women of Color Leadership Network at the Center for Women & Community, along with other UMass and local organizations - has the purpose of developing a multi-racial, multi-age group of thousands of people who will participate in some leg of the Relay to demand legislative changes in policies and practices in the police forces. These changes may lead to better and more effective policing and the elimination of race based policing and discrimination against the disabled. The Relay will endeavor to gain the sponsorship and active support of significant numbers of civil rights organizations, religious groups, community groups and unions."

11. [LaMonda Horton-Stallings, "Funk The Erotic: Transaesthetics and Black Sexual Cultures"](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 4:30-6 p.m.

UMass Integrative Learning Center, room N231

"Join us on Tuesday, September 22nd for a lecture and discussion with Professor LaMonda Horton-Stallings (University of Maryland, College Park), author of the new book, *Funk the Erotic: Transaesthetics and Black Sexual Cultures*. *Funk the Erotic* brings together queer theory, black feminist theory, pop cultural analysis and literary studies to explore multiple dimensions of black erotic and political life. Using funk as a theoretical tool, Stallings argues that Western theories of the erotic fail as universally applicable terms or philosophies, and thus lack utility in

discussions of black bodies, subjects, and culture. In considering the Victorian concept of "the freak" in black funk, Stallings offers a needed examination of black sexual cultures, an expansion of ideas about black eroticism, sex work, pornography, and black trans narratives, a critique of work society, a reexamination of love and monogamy, and an articulation of the desiring body in black political and cultural movements."

12. [Kat Zubko \(University of Memphis\), "Trans* Bodies at the Limits of Intelligibility"](#)

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.

Seelye Hall 201, Smith College

"Under what conditions do transgender bodies become intelligible? Bodies that have undergone some kind of medical intervention (surgeries, etc.) become publicly disclosed as trans bodies, while trans bodies that have not undergone medical treatments are not considered intelligible as trans* bodies. Kat Zubko seeks to elucidate this problematic subjectivation through medical procedure, which is often the only way that transgender bodies become intelligible in our current U.S. context."

13. [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.

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