

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQIA and Allies Events in the Pioneer Valley
September 4, 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. **LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Reception -- 9/9, 6:30-8 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall**
2. **Stonewall Center Open House -- 9/10, 4-6 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
3. **Gayeties: LGBTQIA+ & Ally Welcome Back '80s Dance -- 9/12, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., UMass Student Union Ballroom**
4. **Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group -- 9/15, 6:30-8 p.m. (and every Tuesday), 905 UMass Campus Center**
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**
9. **Volunteers Needed at the Stonewall Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays) Franklin-Hampshire Chapter Monthly Meeting -- 9/8, 6-8 p.m., Baystate Health Pioneer Valley Family Medicine, 325B King Street, Northampton**
11. **Cultural Connections -- 9/10, 6-8 p.m., UMass Campus Center Auditorium**
12. **UMass Pride Alliance First Meeting -- 9/10, 6:30 p.m., Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall**
13. **Back to Black BBQ: Reintroducing Black Culture to UMass -- 9/12, 4-7 p.m., Southwest Horseshoe, UMass**
14. **Fall Course: EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities**

STONEWALL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LGBTQIA Discussion and Support Group Reception

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

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 reception to meet new people and learn about our weekly support and discussion group. Food will be provided. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health.

2. Stonewall Center Open House

Thursday, Sept. 10, 4-6 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Kick off the school year by visiting the campus LGBTQIA center and meeting new and returning lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, intersex, and ace students and supporters. Dinner provided. BYOWB (Bring Your Own Water Bottle). All are welcomed. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/842556869191750>

3. Gayeties: LGBTQIA+ & Ally Welcome Back '80s Dance

Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

UMass Student Union Ballroom

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the Stonewall Center will be holding a dance featuring '80s tunes, as well as contemporary music, focusing on R&B, hip hop, and Latin music. Tunes by DJ Lady Spindrift. Free Admission! Open to all students. Glow bracelets to first 100 people.

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1628111494125410>

4. Trans and Gender-Nonconforming UMass Student Support Group

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 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).

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](#)

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

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

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

PFLAG offers welcoming support, education, and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their families, friends, and allies. More information: 413-625-6636, jcmalinski48@gmail.com, or Facebook: PFLAG Franklin-Hampshire Chapter.

11. [CMASS's Cultural Connections](#)

Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m.

UMass Campus Center Auditorium

Cultural Connections is an opportunity to connect with students, faculty, and staff from across campus. Come learn about the four Cultural Centers on campus, and discover cultural Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and multicultural Greek organizations

12. [UMass Pride Alliance First Meeting](#)

Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

The Pride Alliance is the oldest LGBTQ student group at UMass. It seeks to create community among LGBTQ students and sponsors both social and educational activities.

13. [Back to Black BBQ: Reintroducing Black Culture to UMass](#)

Saturday, Sept. 12, 4-7 p.m.
Southwest Horseshoe, UMass

Food, music, performers, games, and more. Sponsored by the Black Student Union.

14. Fall Course: EDUC 202: Intergroup Dialogue: Exploring Social/Cultural Differences and Commonalities

This 4-credit intergroup dialogue General Education/Diversity (SB) (U) undergraduate course offers you the opportunity to engage in facilitated conversations across differences of race/ethnicity, gender, and other social identities. In diverse small groups, you will explore differences and commonalities as well as examine contentious issues and opportunities for intergroup collaboration using dialogic methods.

Sections meet on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and also on October 3, 2015 for a one-day class retreat from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The course runs for 11 weeks: beginning on Thursday, September 17, 2015 and ending on Thursday, December 3, 2015. For more information or to submit a placement request for the class, please visit the course website at <http://people.umass.edu/educ202-xzuniga/>. "

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