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News & Events for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Community

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Featured Events The SpACE+ Coloring Night



Mon., Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

This is a space for the asexual and aromantic communities. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Partners and support people welcome.

oSTEM Resume-Building Workshop

Mon., Oct. 2, 7-9 p.m., ILC N111

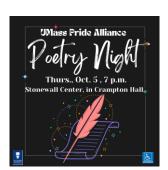
CDM Smith, an engineering firm, will present some resume tips and tricks to help you strengthen your resume.

BPQ OUEER KARAONE NIGHT Tues., 10/3, 7pm The Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall Questions? Email stonewall@umass.edu

Bi/Pan/Queer Collective's Queer Karaoke

Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Be who you are for your Pride... and sing your heart out! All are welcome to participate or come cheer on those singing.



Pride Alliance's Poetry Night

Thurs., Oct. 5, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

"To conclude our conversations about the queer chosen family, we will be having both a discussion and a poetry night. Come celebrate the chosen family and bring a poem, written by yourself or someone else, that you feel is representative of the chosen family dynamic. Join us for a relaxing and creative night. If you are uncomfortable reading aloud or if like the idea of having a visual aid, feel free to send your poem here to be put in a PowerPoint presentation. You do not need to have attended the previous two meetings to join in. All are welcome."



National Coming Out Day Open Mic

Wed., Oct. 11, 7 p.m., 165-69 Campus Center

We welcome all types of performance, including telling your coming out story, music, poetry, dance, monologues, and drag. Sign up in advance here or just show up.



Queer & Trans People of Color Sugar Skull Decorating Night

Wed., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., Stonewall Center

Open to UMass and other Five College QTPOC students and supporters.



Costume Contest & Party

Fri., Oct. 27, 8-10 p.m., Old Chapel

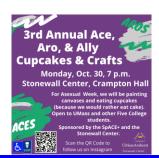
Come join the Pride Alliance, Disability Culture Club, and Stonewall for a spooktacular Halloween party! Whether you're munching on candy and telling ghost stories or are participating in a costume contest specially curated for queer and disabled students, it's bound to be a night to remember.



Creature Feature: A Halloween Drag Show

Sat., Oct. 28, 8 p.m., 65 Bartlett Hall

Free to attend. Students interested in performing can message @umassisadrag on Instagram. Sponsored by UMass Is a Drag and cosponsored by the Stonewall Center.



3rd Annual Ace, Aro, and Ally Cupcakes and Crafts

Mon., Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

For Asexual Week, we will be painting canvases and eating cupcakes (because we would rather eat cake). Open to all UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the SpACE+ and the Stonewall Center.

STI & Rapid HIV Screening



Every Tues. & Wed., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 101 Campus Center (Public Health Promotion Center)

No appointment needed. STI tests screen for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Don't urinate for 1-2 hours before the test. HIV testing involves a finger prick. Results are ready in 20-30 minutes. HPV and MPOX vaccinations are also available. Testing is open to all UMass students. Bring your insurance card; other payment options are available. More information: phpc@umass.edu.

Art with the Women of Color Leadership Network

Tues., Oct. 3, 4-6 p.m., 21 New Africa House

"We welcome women and nonbinary students of color to express themselves through painting. Dress comfortably, as your clothes might get a splash of paint! To get guided instructions from the artist before you start painting, arrive by 4. You are also welcome to arrive later if needed."



Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting

Wed., Oct. 4 (& every Wed.), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

All meetings are by Zoom, except the 1st Wednesday of each month, which is held in-person at CCPH. Free and open to all UMass and other Five College students who identify as trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, or questioning. Facilitated by the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH). Call CCPH if interested in joining: 413-545-2337.





Wed., Oct. 4 (& every Wed.), 6-7:30 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall (CMASS)

This is a weekly drop-in space for students to socialize, make friends, and talk about topics like school, mental health, and being LGBTQIA+. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and CCPH.



oSTEM (Out in STEM) Meeting

Wed., Oct. 4 (& every Wed.), 6 p.m., 145 Integrated Sciences Bldg.

oSTEM is a group for undergraduates and graduate students in STEM fields.



LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Wed., Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

This is a peer-facilitated space for LGBTQIA+ grad students to meet each other, build community, and give mutual support and care. The group will meet every other Wednesday at the Stonewall Center. Future meetings: Oct. 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 6.

CWC's Project Self

Fri., Oct. 13 (& every other Fri.), 3:30-5 p.m., 26 New Africa House

What can you learn or teach in twenty minutes? Project Self consists of student-lead presentations that can provide knowledge and skills to other students. All are welcome to attend. Apply to present here. Click here to receive emails about upcoming sessions.

The People's Supper

Mon., Oct. 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Amherst Room (10th Floor), Campus Center

"Join us for facilitated conversations over a family style dinner, we'll share our stories, listen to and connect with others and build community." <u>Click here to RSVP</u> by October 6.

UMass Ultimate Race

Fri., Oct. 27 7-11 p.m., Wilder Hall and around campus

The UMass Ultimate Race, a bi-annual event, is a collaborative event between CMASS and the UMass Police Department. This highly interactive event provides an excellent opportunity for team building, engaging in healthy competition, and interacting with members of the UMPD and CMASS.

Register here beginning on October 3.

The Stonewall Center's LGBTQIA+ Allyship Web Course Is Available for UMass Staff, Faculty, and Students

The course offers an independent, self-paced learning experience around the foundations of sexuality, gender, gender identity, and allyship. It is designed for UMass Amherst faculty, staff, and

students to learn about strategies and resources to support LGBTQIA+ people. Faculty and staff who complete the training can receive a placard for their office that states that "this is a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ people" and be listed on the Stonewall Center's website as having taken the course. People can enroll here.

Local Announcements and Events Amherst Cinema Transformed Film Series: Disclosure

Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Amherst Cinema, 28 Amity St.

Disclosure examines Hollywood's depiction of trans people and the impact it has had on both the trans community and U.S. culture. Smith College professor Jen Malkowski will offer a Cinema Seminar, "Reckoning with Trans Representation, Past and Present," from 7-8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office only (not online) on a first-come, first-served basis. Inf o about other films in the series is here.

Middle-Grade Author Alex Gino, Reading and Signing Their New Book, Green

Thurs., Oct. 5, 6-7:30 p.m., Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity

Alex Gino is the author of many award-winning and highly praised books, including *George/Melissa*, *Rick*, *You Don't Know Everything*, *Jilly P!*, and *Alice Austen Lived Here*.

Sarah Prager, "Amazing True Stories of Queer History"

Thurs., Oct. 12, 7-8 p.m., Jones Library, Amherst

Sarah Prager is the author of four books on LGBTQ+ history for youth: *Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World*; *Rainbow Revolutionaries: 50 LGBTQ+ People Who Made History; Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders*; and *A Child's Introduction to Pride*.

Sonalee Rashatwar, The Fat Sex Therapist

Sat., Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity, Northampton

Presented by TransHealth. Sonalee Rashatwar is an award-winning clinical social worker, sex therapist, adjunct lecturer, and grassroots organizer. Based in Philadelphia, they are a self-described superfat, queer, bisexual, nonbinary therapist and co-owner of Radical Therapy Center. They specialize in treating sexual trauma, diet trauma, racial or immigrant trauma, and South Asian family abuse, while offering fat positive sexual healthcare. More info and tix are available here.

State Representative Zooey Zephyr of Montana, "They Say Get Back, We Say Fight Back!"

Thurs., Oct. 19, 4 p.m., Main Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson, Hampshire College

Zooey Zephyr made national headlines, when, as the lone trans woman in the Montana House of Representatives, she stood up to the Republican majority's efforts to pass anti-trans laws and then to silence her.

"The Lavender Blues: A Showcase of Queer Music Before World War II"

Thurs., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Parlor Room, 32 Masonic St., Northampton

More info and tickets here.

East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sun., Nov. 5 (& every 1st Sun. of the month), 3-5 p.m., 135 Lincoln St., Holyoke

The group is open to all transmasculine people. For more info, call or text Ben at (413) 548-6549.