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

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Featured Events

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

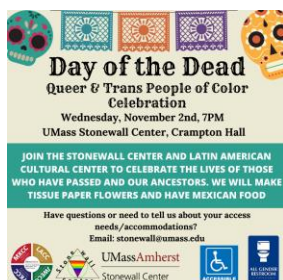
Mon., Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center



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.

Day of the Dead Queer & Trans People of Color Celebration

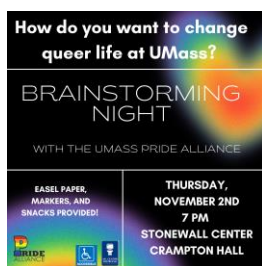
Thurs., Nov. 2, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center



Join the Stonewall Center and Latin American Cultural Center to celebrate the lives of those who have passed and our ancestors. We will make tissue paper flowers and have Mexican food.

“How Do You Want to Change Queer Life at UMass?” A Brainstorming Session

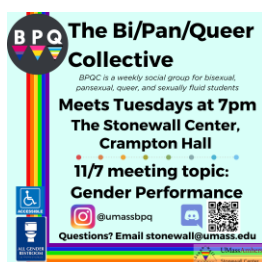
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Help the Pride Alliance set its future advocacy agenda.

Bi/Pan/Queer Collective Gathering

Tues., Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center



BPQC is a weekly social group for bisexual, pansexual, queer, and sexually fluid students. The topic of the gathering is gender performance.



BPQC's Queer Coloring Night

Tues., Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Come destress with the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective.



Interfaith Thanksgiving

Wed., Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center

Join Queer Faith Space for a Thanksgiving dinner with friends and chosen family. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life.



Trans Community Bob Ross Paint Night

Fri., Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Open to all trans and nonbinary students and supporters. Canvases and paints provided. Please RSVP [here](#) so that we know how many supplies to buy.

UMass Announcements and Events

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: Reclaiming Your Selfie

Tues., Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m., 127 New Africa House

" The selfie can be used as a tool of resistance and reclamation. In this workshop find the power of the selfie from affirmations of one's appearance to letting your imagination run loose with some creative

experiments of self-image. Accessories will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own, to inspire these playful and inventive takes on self-images."



Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting

Wed., Nov. 1 (& 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.



LGBTQ+ Talk Space

Wed., Nov. 1 (& every Wed.), 6-7:30 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall (CMAS)

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's Out and Proud Professor Panel

Wed., Nov. 1, 6-8 p.m., N255 ILC

UMass faculty from different STEM fields will discuss their experiences being queer and working in academia.

LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Wed., Nov. 8, 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 meeting: Dec. 6.

CWC's Project Self

Tues., Nov. 14, 4-6 p.m., 127 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.

Women of Color Leadership Network's "Let's Create Vision Boards"

Fri., Nov. 17, 3:30-5 p.m., 201 New Africa House

"What do you hope to accomplish before you graduate? Setting up and achieving goals are keys to your success in college. Join WOCLN staff to set your goals and intentions, explore your creativity and connect with other students of color over some snacks and some good conversation! We will provide boards, stickers, and magazines."

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

Rainbow Contra Dance

Sat., Nov. 4, 7-10 p.m., First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

No experience needed; all dances will be taught. Gender-neutral calling terms will be used throughout. Admission: \$15-20 sliding scale (\$8-12 students).

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.

Unity of the Pioneer Valley's Trans Day of Remembrance

Thurs., Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Baystate Medical Center, 3300 Main St., Springfield

Unity is a group for all trans people, family members, and supporters. More info about the group is [here](#).

Queer Coffeehouse

Wed., Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m., Powerhouse, Amherst College

"We are looking for queer/LGBTQ+ student artists, performers, writers, poets, and any other creatives to submit their work for the event. The art does not need to have any particular theme. The goal of this event is to celebrate LGBTQ+ artists regardless of the type of art they create. We will have a stage, sound

system, and offer support for displaying physical art (paintings, sculptures, installments, etc.).”
Submit [here](#) to participate. The deadline is October 27.

