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

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Featured Events

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 Hike

Sun., Oct. 15, 2-4:30 p.m., Wentworth Farm Conservation Area, Amherst

So we know how many people to expect, please sign-up <u>here</u>. Transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis to those who RSVP.



The SpACE+ Board Game Night

Mon., Oct. 16, 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.



Bi/Pan/Queer Collective Gathering

Tues., Oct. 17, 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 queer horror.





Pre-Halloween Movie Night: Jennifer's Body

Fri., Oct. 20, 8:30 p.m., Stonewall Center

Pizza, popcorn, and ice cream floats provided.



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

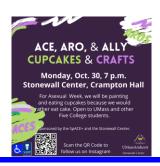
Come join the Pride Alliance, Disability Culture Club, and Stonewall for a spooktacular Halloween party! Whether you're munching on candy and telling ghost stories or are participating in a costume contest specially curated for queer and disabled students, it's bound to be a night to remember.



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.



Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting

Wed., Oct. 11 (& 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., Oct. 11 (& 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. 11 (& 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.

"What's the Tea? Internalized Misogyny"

Thurs., Oct. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 26 New Africa House

This informal discussion promises to delve deeper into the complexities of internalized misogyny and how people who do not identify as men still participate in sexism and perpetuate stereotypical gender roles, both historically and in the present day. Sponsored by the Women of Color Leadership Network.

CEPA Queer Film Series: But I'm a Cheerleader

Thurs., Oct. 12, 6 p.m., CEPA Office (309 Student Union)

Popcorn and powerade provided.

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.

Joy of Art After Party

Fri., Oct. 13, 6:30-9 p.m., Bromery Center for the Arts (pond side)

The event features music from DJ Level; immersive, large-scale projections on the building's concrete façade; and pop-up performances.

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.

Trans/Queer Studies Colloquium: artist and poet Rindon Johnson

Thurs., Oct. 19, 4 p.m., E470 South College and by Zoom

Learn more about Johnson and his work here.

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 <a href="https://example.com/here/ben/learning-taken-the-course-taken

Local Announcements and Events Amherst Cinema Transformed Film Series: Shorts Program

Tues., Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Amherst Cinema, 28 Amity St.

Co-curated with Rox Samer, Clark University professor, this collection of experimental, documentary and narrative shorts by trans filmmakers consists of 8 films: *Have You Ever Seen a Transsexual Before?*; *I'm Yours*; *Akin*; *Stealth*; *Go Trans*; *Generations*; *Happy Birthday, Marsha!*, and *Light on a Path, Follow* directed by local filmmaker and Mount Holyoke College professor Elliott Montague and starring Hampshire College professor Vick Quezada. The films will be followed by a discussion with Samer and Montague.

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.

Perry Zurn, "How We Make Each Other: Trans Poetics at the Edge of the University"

Wed., Oct. 18, 4 p.m., Main Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson, Hampshire College

Perry Zurn, an associate professor of philosophy at American University, shares work from his forthcoming book about the history of trans life at the Five Colleges.

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.