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

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## Featured Events

### Movie Night: Every Body

*Mon., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., 155 Worcester Dining Commons*

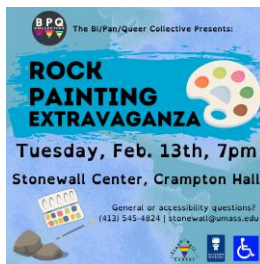
*Every Body* tells the story of three intersex people who overcame childhoods marked by shame, secrecy, and nonconsensual surgeries to be open about their lives and be their authentic selves. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center, the Student Wellbeing Advisory Board, and the Not Ready for Bedtime Players.



### BPQC's Rock Painting Extravaganza

*Tues., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center*

Sponsored by the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective.



### Queer & Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Pal-entine's Dinner

*Wed., Feb. 14, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center*

We will have a catered meal and make Valentine's cards. Open to all UMass and other Five College QTPOC students and supporters. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.



## Zine-Making Night

Thurs., Feb. 15, 7pm  
Stonewall Center  
Crampton Hall

Show your crafty side and have some snacks! Learn how to make a physical zine and customize its look with scrapbooking supplies. Learn the basics of grassroots activism through a creative outlet.  
Sponsored by the Pride Alliance, the Prison Abolition Collective, and the Stonewall Center.  
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## Queerly Beloved Valentine's Formal

Fri., Feb. 16, 7-9 p.m., CHC Events Hall

Sponsored by the Spectrum Advisory Board, the BCG House Council, the Stonewall Center, and RecWell.



## Therapy Dog Hour with Peanut Is Back!

Mon., Feb. 19, 5-6 p.m., Stonewall Center

Peanut, the cutest therapy dog ever, is back for the spring semester! Come hang out with other LGBTQIA+ students and Peanut every other Monday at the center.



## The SpACE+'s Play Stupid Games & Win Stupid Prizes

Mon., Feb. 19, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

Come play party games with the SpACE+ asexual and aromantic group and win silly prizes. Refreshments provided. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Partners and support people welcome.

## LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Meets every other Tues., 5-6pm  
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Feb. 6 Feb. 20 March 5  
April 2 April 16 April 30

This is a peer-facilitated space for LGBTQIA+ grad students to meet each other, build community, and give mutual support and care.  
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## Website Web Night

*Fri., Feb. 23, 5-8 p.m., Stonewall Center*

A chill event to learn the basics of coding your own website. Drinks and snacks available. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

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## *“Mother Tongue: Stories of Culture, Struggle, Identity, and Revolution” by First Generation*

*Wed., Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m., Carney Aud, Furcolo Hall*

Mother Tongue is inspired by the experiences of First Generation ensemble members, their families, and communities who are from Congo/Tanzania, Bhutan/Nepal, South Sudan/Darfur, Holyoke, and Springfield, Massachusetts. The 90-minute performance weaves together movement, music, dance, and stories in Arabic, Swahili, Nepali, and English. The piece incorporates themes of language, culture, identity, diaspora, hypermasculinity, xenophobia, transphobia, racism, the school-to-prison pipeline, and revolution.

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## *Panel Discussion: “Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools: Challenges, Strategies, and Possibilities”*

*Thurs., Feb. 29, 7-8:30 p.m., by Zoom*

The panelists include leading advocates and scholars: *Jaymes Black* (President and CEO, Family Equality), *Maru Gonzalez* (Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Human Sciences, North Carolina State University), *Emily Greytak* (Director of Research, ACLU; former Director of Research, GLSEN), *Elizabeth Payne* (Founder and Director of the Queering Education Research Institute), and *Stephanie Anne Shelton* (Associate Professor of Qualitative Research and Director of Diversity, College of Education, University of Alabama). Moderated by *Abbie Goldberg* (Professor of Psychology and Director of Women's and Gender Studies, Clark University).



Register [here](#). Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

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## *UMass Announcements and Events*

*Students can now apply to live in the Spectrum LGBTQIA+ community for Fall 2024*

*Applications due by 5 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 23*

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Spectrum is a community that strives for LGBTQIA+ students to feel safe, accepted, and empowered. The 2024-25 Spectrum community will include rooms on the ground floor and half of the 1st and 2nd floors of Baker Hall. Participants can expect to see local retreats and regional trips that explore gender and sexuality. The Spectrum hallways have gender-inclusive bathrooms. All spaces in the Spectrum community are gender-inclusive rooms. More information and applications can be found [here](#).

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### ***Weeklong Pop-Up Activities at CWC***

#### ***203 New Africa House***

Tired of missing out on programs that don't fit your schedule? Drop-in when it works for you. Drop-in hours: Mon. 10-2, Tues. 11-3, Wed. 10-4, Thurs. 12-4, Fri. 10-2. Activity for Feb. 12-16: "Cherish Yourself and Your People," with postcards, friendship bracelets, and heart art.

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### ***LACC Carnival***

***Mon., Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m., 203 Hampden Hall***

You are invited to celebrate Carnival at the Latinx American Cultural Center by creating masks.

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### ***Rapid HIV Screening & STI***

***Tues., Feb. 13 & Wed., Feb. 14 (& every Tues. & Wed.) 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 101 Campus 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](mailto:phpc@umass.edu).

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### ***JWECC Valentine's Day***

***Tues., Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m., B3 Chadbourne Hall***

In addition to creating Valentine's Day cards, the Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center will be promoting the wellness of Indigenous women.

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## *Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Weekly Support Group Meeting*

*Wed., Feb. 14, 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+ Weekly Talk Space*

*Wed., Feb. 14, 6-7:30 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall (CMASS)*

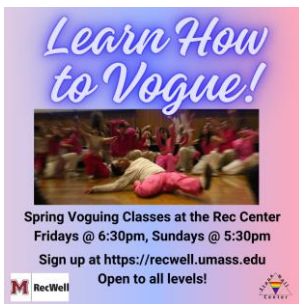
This is a weekly drop-in space for students to socialize, make friends, and talk about topics like school, mental health, and being LGBTQIA+. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and CCPH.



## *People's Supper*

*Wed., Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m., New Africa House*

The event will start with a viewing of *As We Move Forward*, an art exhibit that champions the artistic and social practices of BIPOC women from Florida, in the Augusta Savage Gallery, followed by a communal dinner. Open to all UMass students. Reservation required [here](#).



## *Learn How to Vogue!*

*Fridays, 6:30 p.m., & Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Rec Center*

No previous experience necessary. Register for the classes [here](#).

## *Breaking Bread: An Intercultural, International, Interfaith Dinner Series*

*Wed., Feb. 21 & 28, March 6, 6 p.m. Location provided upon registration.*



Breaking Bread is an opportunity for international and domestic UMass students to come together for dinner and conversation about culture, faith, language, and the things we share. [RSVP required](#). Sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and the International Programs Office.

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### ***Kevin Quashie, "Thinking Lucille Clifton Thinking"***

***Thurs., Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., E470 South College and by [Zoom](#)***

Part of WGSS's Trans/Queer Studies Colloquium. Kevin Quashie teaches black cultural and literary studies and is a professor in the department of English at Brown University. Talk description: "How do we think gendered being at the beginning and ending of the world? Across Lucille Clifton's work is both an engagement of this question and, as such, object lessons for black/feminist criticism. Or, to say it another way, Clifton thinking is a study in thinking."

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### ***LGBTQIA+ Employee Mixer***

***Tues., Feb. 27, 4:30-6 p.m., Old Chapel Great Hall***

The UMass LGBTQIA+ Network, an Employee Resource Group supported by the Office of Equity and Inclusion and the Office of Human Resources, invites people to the first welcome reception for all LGBTQIA+ faculty and staff. There will be food, a cash bar, and music.

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### ***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](#).

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