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

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Featured Events

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

Tues., Feb. 20, 5-6 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 Tuesday at the center.





Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) Gathering

Tues., Feb. 20, 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 "Media Representations."



Kehilah Rainbow Challah Baking

Wed., Feb. 21 & Thurs., Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m., Hillel

Mark your calendars for the first Kehilah--the queer Jewish group on campus--event of the semester: rainbow challah baking with Challah for Hunger. Drop in any time on either or both days to help make rainbow sprinkle challah and support the Amherst Survival Center.



Pride Alliance's Queer Music Show and Tell

Thurs., Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

We will create and share a playlist suggested by the students who attend. Refreshments provided.



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.



COMIC CONundrum: A Cosplay-Themed Drag Show

Sat., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., Bartlett Hall

Free to attend. Sponsored by UMass Is a Drag. [Contact them](#) to perform.



Queering Faculty Chat: Corine Tachtiris

Wed., Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Dr. Tachtiris, an assistant professor in the Comparative Literature Department, is a translation activist and scholar of global feminist literature. Chat with her in the first in a series of casual talks to highlight queerness in academic spaces.

"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.

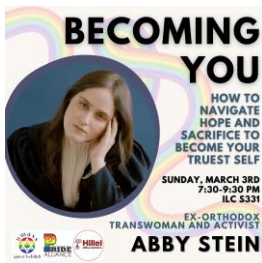
Panel Discussion: "Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools: Challenges, Strategies, and Possibilities"

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.



Abby Stein, "Becoming You: How to Navigate Hope and Sacrifice to Become Your Truest Self"

Sun., March 3, 7:30 p.m., S331 ILC

Abby Stein is a rabbi, activist, and writer. She is the author of *Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman*.

International Cultural Show & Tell

Wed., March 6, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Bring any song/art/picture relevant to your culture/heritage for a show & tell event! Each person receives 3-5 minutes. Snacks and drinks provided. Open to all LGBTQIA+ students and supporters.



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

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](#).

Rapid HIV Screening & STI

Tues., Feb. 20 & Wed., Feb. 21 (& 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.



Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Weekly Support Group Meeting

Wed., Feb. 21, 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. 21, 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.

Breaking Bread: An Intercultural, International, Interfaith Dinner Series

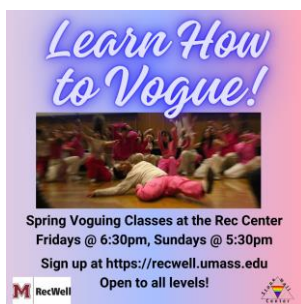
Wed., Feb. 21 & 28, March 6, 6 p.m. Location provided upon registration.

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.

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."



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](https://recwell.umass.edu).



The Black AF (Artistic Freedom) Conference

Sat., Feb. 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Furcolo Hall

Free and open to all. Breakfast and lunch provided. Scan the poster QR Code to register.

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.



Five College Queer, Gender, and Sexuality Conference

March 2 & 3, Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

The event includes workshops, a dance, and a drag brunch. Scan the poster QR Code to register.

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](#).
