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

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## Featured Events Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) Gathering



Tues., Feb. 27, 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 "Defining Queerness."

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### 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.

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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.





## 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), Elizabethe 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 <u>here</u>. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

#### Pride Alliance's Crocheting Night

Thurs., Feb. 29, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

All experience levels welcome. Bring a project you are working on or start a new one with yarn in the colors of the LGBTQ+, bi, ace, or trans flags. Crochet help and refreshments provided.



## BECOMING YOU HOW TO NAVIGATE HOPE AND SACRIFICE TO BECOME YOUR TRUEST SELF SUNDAY, MARCH SIDE TRANSWOMAN AND ACTIVIST ABBY STEIN

## 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*.

### Therapy Dog Hour with Peanut Is Back!

Mon., March 4, 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 Crochet Night

Mon., March 4, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

Crocheters, weavers, and knitters welcome! Bring your current project or start one with yarn in the colors of the ace flag. This is a space for the asexual and aromantic communities. 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 CGTQIA- grad students to meet each

## LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Tues., March 5, 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.



### **Queer Karaoke Night**

Tues., March 5, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

Sponsored by the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective.



#### 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 Events and Announcements Rapid HIV Screening & STI

Tues., Feb. 27 & Wed., Feb. 28 (& 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: <a href="mailto:phpc@umass.edu">phpc@umass.edu</a>.

#### 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.



## Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Weekly Support Group Meeting

Wed., Feb. 28, 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. 28, 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.

### Learn How to Vogue!



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

No previous experience necessary. Register for the classes <u>here</u>.



## 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.

#### **Local Events and Announcements**



## Call for Trans and Gender-Diverse Latinx Individuals to Participate in a Photography and Storytelling Exhibit

TRANScend Massachusetts, Transcending Identities, and Transhealth are looking to document the lives, through photography and narrative, of Latinx trans and gender-diverse individuals living in Western Massachusetts. The stories will be part of an in-person and online educational exhibit. Email <a href="here">here</a> for more info or to participate.

