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

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## Featured Events

### An Evening with ALOK

*Mon., March 25, 7 p.m., Student Union Ballroom*



ALOK is an internationally acclaimed poet, comedian, public speaker, and actor. They are the author of *Femme in Public*, *Beyond the Gender Binary*, and *Your Wound/My Garden* and the creator of #DeGenderFashion, an initiative to degender the fashion and beauty industries. The first 150 attendees get a free copy of *Beyond the Gender Binary*, which ALOK can sign afterward. RSVP for the event [here](#).

## oSTEM Merch Design Competition

Submit a design [here](#) and help the group make an official UMass oSTEM t-shirt, tote, and stickers. **Designs are due today (March 25th) by midnight.**

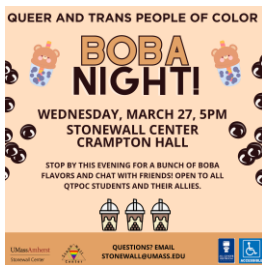


## Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) Gathering

*Tues., March 26, 7-8 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 Subcultures."



## Queer & Trans People of Color Boba Night

Wed., March 27, 5 p.m., Stonewall Center

Stop by for a bunch of boba flavors and chat with friends. Open to all QTPOC students and their allies.



## Virtual Panel Discussion: "We Make It Better: Trans and Nonbinary Resilience, Resistance, and Self-Reliance"

Thurs., March 28, 7-8:30 p.m., by Zoom

The panelists include leading advocates and scholars: Anneliese Singh (Professor of Social Work and Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity, Tulane University), Jenifer McGuire (Professor of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities), Jody Herman (Senior Scholar of Public Policy, Williams Institute, UCLA), M. Paz Galupo (Professor of Sexual Health and Education, Washington University in St Louis), and Sergio Domínguez (Ph.D. student in Counseling Psychology, University of Wisconsin, Madison). Moderated by Genny Beemyn (Director of the Stonewall Center, UMass Amherst). Register [here](https://tinyurl.com/transenbypanel). All people who register will receive a recording of the event, as well as extensive resources.

Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.



## Trans Day of Visibility Music Night

Sat., March 30, 7 p.m., Hampden Gallery

Featuring Mosquinha, Sgraffito Kill, and Trash Rabbit. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and Students for Alternative Music (SALT).



## Five College Trans and Nonbinary Mixer

Sun., March 31, 1-3 p.m., Great Room, Mount Holyoke College

Want to meet other trans and nonbinary people from across the Five Colleges? Come have sushi, make art, and meet new friends. Co-sponsored by the Stonewall Center.



## Weekly Therapy Dog Hour

*Mon., April 1, 5-6 p.m., Stonewall Center*

We will have weekly therapy dog hours in April. Stop by on Mondays to spend time with Peanut or Mini.



## The SpACE+ April Fools' Day

*Mon., April 1, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center*

We're going to be joking, scheming, and pranking tonight at the SpACE+ for April Fools'. Come if you're in a silly mood. As usual, light refreshments will be provided. 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's Arts & Crafts Night

*Tues., April 2, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center*

BPQC is a weekly social group for bisexual, pansexual, queer, and sexually fluid students.

## 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.

For more info: stonewall@umass.edu

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## oSTEM Presentation Night

*Wed., April 3, 6-8 p.m., 145 Integrated Sciences Bldg.*

Have something you could talk about for hours on end? Take a chance and infodump on oSTEM's presentation night. Send your presentation [here](#).

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The Stonewall Center and the Disability Culture Club Present:

### **Queering Faculty Chat: Capria Berry**

**Friday, April 5th, 7 p.m.  
804-08 Campus Center**

Capria Berry is a lecturer in UMass Amherst's Developmental Disabilities and Human Services specialization program. They will be presenting on the intersections of LGBTQIA+, disabled, and BIPOC identities. Light refreshments provided.

The event is also being streamed:  
<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/95427017704>



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## **Queer Faith Dinner**

*Mon., April 8, 6:30 p.m., Hadley Room (10th floor),  
Campus Center*



This is an opportunity to come together with other students over a family-style dinner to discuss the intersections of faith and LGBTQ+ identities and create a supportive space for LGBTQ+ people of diverse religious and spiritual identities. Please RSVP [here](#) so that we have a count for food and know dietary needs.

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## **Call for Artists for the Stonewall Center's Annual Art Show**

*April 15-26, Student Union Art Gallery*



This year's theme is "Our Histories Have Futures: Queerness from Past to Present." Submissions by all LGBTQIA+ people in all mediums, including performance, are welcome! (Performances will be held on April 17 from 7-8:30 p.m. in 162-75 Campus Center). Sign up [here](#). The submission deadline is April 8.

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## **UMass Events and Announcements**

### **7 & Host an Accepted Student on April 6**

URep UMass is looking for undergraduate students who are willing to share their room in a residence hall with one admitted student for the annual URep UMass Overnight. This event is geared toward students who have been accepted to UMass Amherst for Fall '24 and provides them with the opportunity to immerse themselves in campus life and participate in fun activities. Indicate your interest [here](#).

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## **Weeklong Pop-Up Activities at CWC New Africa House 203**

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 March 25-29: "On the Mend," with patching ripped clothing, embroidery, and crocheting.

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

***Tues., March 26 & Wed., March 27 (& 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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### ***Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Weekly Support Group Meeting***

***Wed., March 27, 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.

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### ***LGBTQ+ Weekly Talk Space***

***Wed., March 27, 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.

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## ***oSTEM Weekly General Body Meeting***

***Wed., March 27, 6 p.m., 145 Integrated Sciences Building***

oSTEM is a group for undergraduates and graduate students in STEM fields.

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## ***Perry Zurn, Trans Policy/Trans Poetics: Wisdom from the Five College Archive of Trans Life***

***Thurs, April 4, 5:30 p.m., W245 South College and by Zoom***

Perry Zurn is Provost Associate Professor of Philosophy at American University. This event is part of the WGSS Trans/Queer Studies Colloquium.

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

#### ***Rainbow Contra Dance***

***Sat., April 6, 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). N95, KN95, or KF95 mask required

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