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

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Featured Events Weekly Therapy Dog Hour

Mon., April 15, 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.



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The SpACE+'s Gartic & Garlic Night

Mon., April 15, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

Garlic bread, the tasty ace snack? Gartic Phone, the awesome drawing game? Those two combined, it's the recipe for an amazing SpACE+ meeting! 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

Tues., April 16, 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.

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

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For more info: stonewall@umass.edu



Bi/Pan/Queer Collective's Ice Cream Social

Tues., April 16, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

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



LGBTQIA+ Art Show / Performances & Open Mic

Wed., April 17, 6-8:30 p.m.

Art Show Opening Reception: 6-7 p.m., Student Union Art Gallery Performances & Open Mic: 7-8:30 p.m., 162-75 Campus Center

The art show runs April 15-26 in the Student Union Art Gallery.



UMass Amherst Alumni Memoirist Panel with Felicia Cohen

Thurs., April 18, 4-5 p.m., Journalism Hub, ILC

Felicia Cohen's latest book, <u>Half In: A Coming-of-Age Memoir of Forbidden Love</u>, is about a secret, lesbian age-gap affair that she had with her boss while she was at UMass. The book is also about figuring out your sexuality, as well as navigating the challenging time after college.

COME AND PAINT WHILE WE HOLD OUR ANNUAL EBOARD ELECTIONS THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH 7:00-8:00 PM UMass Stonewall Center, compton Hall

Pride Alliance's Paint Night

Thurs., April 18, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

Come and paint while the group holds e-board elections for next year.



Sky Cubacub, Accessible Fashion Online Workshop

Mon., April 22, 7 p.m., by **Zoom**

Author of the manifesto *Radical Visibility: A Queercrip Dress Reform Movement* and the founder of Rebirth Garments, Sky's work focuses on the intersections of identity, pride, and community of those excluded from mainstream fashion. Sponsored by the



Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) De-stress & Coloring

Tues., April 23, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center

BPQC is a weekly social group for bisexual, pansexual, queer, and sexually fluid students. The topic of the meeting is "how to de-stress."

Materials for coloring will be provided.



Queer and Trans People of Color South Asian Night

Wed., April 24, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center

Join us for a celebration of queer South Asian activism and culture! Food will be provided, and friends are welcome. South Asian attire encouraged.



Please Donate to the Stonewall Center During UMass Gives

Thurs., April 25, 11-noon

We are trying to get the most donations during that hour.

Donations need only be \$5, with funds used to support student staffing. Scan the QR Code to give to us at that time or go to tinyurl.com/supportstonewall2024.Thank you!

Hike of Mount Sugarloaf



Sat., April 27, meet at the Stonewall Center at 1:30 p.m. for a ride or at the base of the mountain at 2 p.m.

Various difficulty levels offered. Rides provided on a first come, first served basis to students who sign-up here.



26th Annual UMass Rainbow Graduation and Leadership Awards

Thurs., May 9, 6 p.m., Bromery Center for the Arts Plaza (inside, in the case of rain)

Keynote speaker: Dru Levasseur, a UMass alum who is the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the National LGBTQ+ Bar

Association and the former National Director of the Transgender Rights Project for Lambda Legal.

Attendees: register here. Graduating students: register here by April 29th to be recognized (graduates will receive a certificate, a rainbow tassel, and a copy of the anthology *Surviving Transphobia*, which features an article by the keynote speaker).

UMass Events and Announcements Rapid HIV Screening & STI

Tues., April 16 & Wed., April 17 (& 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., April 17, 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., April 17, 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.

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 Hampshire Pride

Sat., May 4, Northampton

here .Parade at 11 a.m. on Main Street; festival from 1-6 p.m. behind Thorne's. More info

Rainbow Contra Dance

Sat., May 4, 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