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

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Welcome to the fall semester and to Queer-e!

Queer-e lists LGBTQIA+ events happening on campus and in the community and is sent out weekly on Monday mornings during the semester.

FEATURED EVENT

Cultural Connections

Tues., Sept. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Campus Center Aud

Food, prizes, cultural performances, and info on campus resources. Sponsored by CMASS and the Stonewall Center.



FEATURED EVENT

Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) First Gathering of the Semester

Tues., Sept. 12, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

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



LGBTQ+ Talk Space

Wed., Sept. 13 (& every Wed.), 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.





Graduate Student Support & Discussion Space FIRST FALL MEETING Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7-8 p.m. Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Meetings will be every other Wednesday

This is a peer-facilitated space for LCBTQIAgrad students to meet each other, build

For more info:



FEATURED EVENT

First LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space of the Semester

Wed., Sept. 13, 7 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 Wednesday at the Stonewall Center.

FEATURED EVENT

Pride Alliance's Outdoor Chalk Art Night

Thurs., Sept. 14, 7 p.m., outside the Stonewall Center

Come join the Pride Alliance for some radical visioning and community bonding as we decorate the outside of the Stonewall Center! We will be providing sidewalk chalk and working together on a collaborative temporary "mural." Our theme for the project is "queer joy," but otherwise your only limit is your imagination.

FEATURED EVENT

The SpACE+ First Gathering of the Semester

Mon., Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

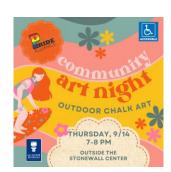
This is a space for the asexual and aromantic communities. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Partners and support people welcome. Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month this semester.

FEATURED EVENT

STI & Rapid HIV Screening

Every Tues. & Wed., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., starting
Wed., Sept. 20
101 Campus Center (Public Health Promotion 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.

FEATURED EVENT

Legal Name Change Workshop for Trans & Nonbinary Students Thursday, Sept. 21, 5-6:30 p.m. Stonewall Center (Crampton Hall) The Student Legal Services Office will take students through how to Legalty change their names.

LGBTQIA+ AND ALLIES
POOL PARTY!

Friday, Sept. 22, 7-10 p.m. a the Boyden Pool, UMass

A free, body-positive & gender affirming event

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FEATURED EVENT

LGBTQIA+ and Allies Pool Party

Fri., Sept. 22, 7-10 p.m., Boyden Pool

To kick-off Rec Well's Pride Week, the Stonewall Center is sponsoring a free, body-positive, gender-affirming pool party. There will be a gender-inclusive changing area/restroom and lifeguards on duty.

FEATURED EVENT

Queer & Trans Hike

Sat., Sept. 30, 2-4:30 p.m., Puffer's Pond, Amherst

So we know how many people to expect, please sign-up here. Transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis to those who RSVP.



UMass Announcements and Events

Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting

Wed., Sept. 13 (& every Wed.), 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.





oSTEM (Out in STEM) Meeting

Wed., Sept. 13 (& every Wed.), 6 p.m., 145 Integrated Sciences Bldg.

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



First Kehilah Meeting of the Semester

Fri., Sept. 15, 5 p.m., Old Chapel

Kehilah is a student group for Jewish LGBTQIA+ people and supporters sponsored by Hillel. At the meeting, students will learn about the group and make resolutions for the new year.

Rox Samer, "Tip/Alli: Writing and Filming a Transfeminist Genealogy"

Fri., Sept. 22, 4 p.m., E470 South College and by Zoom

Rox Samer of Clark University will speak on James Tiptree, Jr/Alice Sheldon and their own in-progress documentary about the feminist science fiction writer. Preregister here. This event is part of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies' Trans/Queer Studies Colloquium for this fall.

Loretta Ross, "Calling In: Creating Change Without Cancel Culture"

Mon., Sept. 25, Student Union Ballroom

3 p.m.: talk for faculty/staff; 5 p.m.: reception; 6:30 p.m.: talk for students. Loretta Ross is an associate professor of the Study of Women and Gender at Smith College and one of the founders of the reproductive justice movement.

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 <a href="https://example.com/here/ben/h

Local Announcements and Events

Western Mass Transmasc Meet-Up

Tues., Sept. 19, 6-7:30 p.m., Forbes Library Community Room, Northampton

Western Mass Transmasc is a civic and mutual aid group for trans, nonbinary, and gendernonconforming people who were assigned female at birth.

Reading and Book Signing for Peggy Gillespie's Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families and Lesléa Newman's Always Matt: A Tribute to Matthew Shepard

Fri., Sept. 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m., APE Gallery, 126 Main St., Northampton

The event will also feature a photo exhibit and panel discussion of contributors to *Authentic Selves*. Free and open to the public.

All of the Above Trail Festival

Sun., Oct. 1, Berkshire East Mountain, Charlemont, MA

This is a non-gendered, non-competitive trail race/walk to raise money for The Venture Out Project, which leads backpacking and wilderness trips for the queer and trans communities. There will be a 21K, 5K, and fun run for kids. More info here/here/.

East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sun., Oct. 1 (& every 1st Sun. of the month), 3-5 p.m., 135 Lincoln St., Holyoke

The group is open to all transmasculine people. For more info, call or text Ben at (413) 548-6549.

Trans and Nonbinary Youth Photography Project

Trans photographer and author Jesse Freidin has been photographing trans and nonbinary youth (age 24 + under) from across the country for the past three years in response to the wave of anti-trans bills. He will be in Northampton on Sat., Oct. 14. Young people can book a photo session here. Learn more here.