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

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Featured Events

Queer & Trans People of Color Kickoff Dinner

Thurs., Sept. 28, 5:30-7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Open to UMass and other Five College QTPOC students and supporters.



Pride Alliance's RPG Night

Thurs., Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

"For our weekly meeting, we will be getting to know each other and continuing our conversation around queer chosen families that we started with last week's screening of *Paris Is Burning* through a storytelling game. *Sleepaway* by Jay Dragon is a game about queer summer camp counselors protecting the young campers in their care from a strange otherworldly being called the Lindworm. It explores the queer chosen family dynamic and tells a queer coming of age story while also adding an element of supernatural horror perfect for an evening meeting."



Queer & Trans Hike

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

We have reached capacity. But we will be doing another hike in mid-October.



oSTEM Resume-Building Workshop

Mon., Oct. 2, 7-9 p.m., ILC N111

CDM Smith, an engineering firm, will present some resume tips and tricks to help you strengthen your resume. They will then spend the remainder of the event going over individual resumes one-on-one. If you would like your resume to be evaluated, please submit a copy of it by 9/28 [here](#).



Bi/Pan/Queer Collective's Queer Karaoke

Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center

Show off your talent to a really supportive audience!

UMass Announcements and Events

LGBTQIA+ Housing Paid Research Study

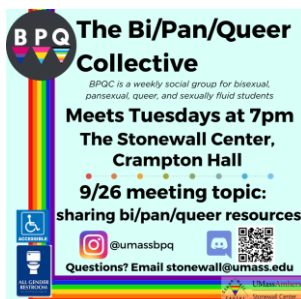


To sign-up for this study, please click [here](#). This research study is open to any student who is at least 18 years old, identifies as LGBTQIA+, and currently lives on campus at UMass Amherst. The study is being conducted by Tyler Bradley, the RD for Baker, and Genny Beemyn, the director of the Stonewall Center.

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.



Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) Gathering

Tues., Sept. 26, 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 sharing bi/pan/queer resources.

STI & Rapid HIV Screening



*Every Tues. & Wed., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
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.

Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting



Wed., Sept. 27 (& 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.

Yuri Kochiyama Cultural Center Kick-Off and Open House

Wed., Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m., 202 Bartlett Hall

Meet the YKCC staff and try your hand at lantern painting.

LGBTQ+ Talk Space



Wed., Sept. 27 (& 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.

oSTEM (Out in STEM) Meeting



Wed., Sept. 27 (& every Wed.), 6 p.m., 201 Stockbridge (for this week only)

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



Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7-8 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall

Meetings will be every other Wednesday

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 | | Stonewall Center

LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space

Wed., Sept. 27, 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. Future meetings: Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 6.

CEPA Queer Film Series: Paris Is Burning

Thurs., Sept. 28, 6 p.m., CEPA Office (39 Student Union)

Popcorn and powerade provided.

CWC's Project Self

Fri., Sept. 29 (& every other Fri.), 3:30-5 p.m., 26 New Africa House

Project Self consists of student-lead presentations that can provide knowledge and skills to other students. The first session will feature topics including "Inclusive Strength Training" and "Crochet 101." All are welcome to attend. Apply to present [here](#). Click [here](#) to receive emails about upcoming sessions.

Kehilah's Sukkot Paint Night



Fri., Sept. 29, 5 p.m., Hillel

Kehilah is a student group for Jewish LGBTQIA+ people and supporters sponsored by Hillel.

The SpACE+ Coloring Night

Mon., Oct. 2, 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.

The People's Supper

Mon., Oct. 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Amherst Room (10th Floor), Campus Center

Join us for facilitated conversations over a family style dinner, we'll share our stories, listen to and connect with others and build community. [Click here to RSVP](#) by October 6.

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 Announcements and Events

Amherst Cinema Transformed Film Series: The Matrix

Tues., Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Amherst Cinema, 28 Amity St.

Before the screening, Cael M. Keegan, a professor at Concordia University and the author of *Lana and Lilly Wachowski: Sensing Transgender*, will give an introduction to one of the most popular films ever made by trans filmmakers. Info about other films in the series is [here](#).

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](#).

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.

Middle-Grade Author Alex Gino, Reading and Signing Their New Book, Green

Thurs., Oct. 5, 6-7:30 p.m., Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity

Alex Gino is the author of many award-winning and highly praised books, including *George/Melissa*, *Rick*, *You Don't Know Everything*, *Jilly P!*, and *Alice Austen Lived Here*.

Sarah Prager, "Amazing True Stories of Queer History"

Thurs., Oct. 12, 7-8 p.m., Jones Library, Amherst

Sarah Prager is the author of four books on LGBTQ+ history for youth: *Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World*; *Rainbow Revolutionaries: 50 LGBTQ+ People Who Made History*; *Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders*; and *A Child's Introduction to Pride*.

Sonalee Rashatwar, The Fat Sex Therapist

Sat., Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity, Northampton

Presented by TransHealth. Sonalee Rashatwar is an award-winning clinical social worker, sex therapist, adjunct lecturer, and grassroots organizer. Based in Philadelphia, they are a self-described superfat, queer, bisexual, nonbinary therapist and co-owner of Radical Therapy Center. They specialize in treating sexual trauma, diet trauma, racial or immigrant trauma, and South Asian family abuse, while offering fat positive sexual healthcare. More info and tix are available [here](#).
