

# Queer-E

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

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## Featured Events



**THERAPY DOG HOUR**  
Every Tuesday, 5-6 p.m.  
Stonewall Center (Crampton Hall)  
Come de-stress with Peanut or Mini!  
Open to all students to drop by.

Peanut Mini

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### *Therapy Dog Hour*

*Tues., Oct. 1, 5-6 p.m., Stonewall Center*

Stop by to relieve some stress by playing with Mini, one of our cute therapy dogs. We will have therapy dogs every Tuesday from 5-6 at the center. Open to all students.

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The Bi/Pan/Queer Collective Presents:  
**BPQ**  
**QUEER KARAOKE NIGHT**  
Tues., Oct. 1, 7pm  
The Stonewall Center,  
Crampton Hall  
Questions? Email [stonewall@umass.edu](mailto:stonewall@umass.edu)

### *Queer Karaoke Night*

*Tues., Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center*

Come with a song in mind or choose one at the event. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective.

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WED OCT. 2ND  
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6:00 PM  
STUDY NIGHT

**oSTEM**

Come and join us to relax and have a chill study environment!  
Snacks will be provided!

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### *oSTEM Study Night*

*Wed., Oct. 2, 6 p.m., 145 Integrated Sciences Bldg.*

Join Out in STEM to study with other queer STEM majors in all different majors for any class. Snacks will be provided.

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### *SpACE+ Gartic and Garlic*

*Mon., Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center*

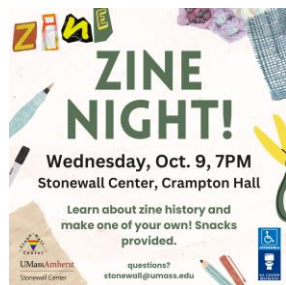
Garlic bread, the tasty ace snack? Gartic Phone, the awesome drawing game? Those two combined, it's the recipe for an amazing spACE+ event! This is a space for the asexual and aromantic communities. Open to UMass and other Five College students. Partners and support people welcome.



### *Bi/Pan/Queer Collective (BPQC) Weekly Meeting*

*Tues., Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center*

BPQC is a social group for bisexual, pansexual, queer, and sexually fluid students. The topic of the meeting is "The Importance of Queer Subcultures and Community."



### *Zine Night*

*Wed., Oct. 9, 7 p.m., Stonewall Center*

Learn about zine history and make one of your own! Snacks provided.



### *LGBTQIA+ Grad Student Support & Discussion Space*

*Thurs., Oct. 10, 5-6 p.m., Stonewall Center*

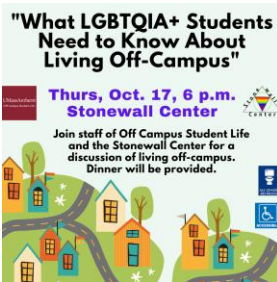
This is a peer-facilitated, drop-in space sponsored by the Stonewall Center for LGBTQIA+ and questioning grad students to meet each other, build community, and give mutual support and care. Meetings are every other Thursday (Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, and Dec. 5).



### *International Karaoke Night*

*Wed., Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center*

International desserts provided. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center & the International Programs Office.



***"What LGBTQIA+ Students Need to Know About Living Off-Campus"***

***Thurs., Oct. 17, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center***

Join staff of Off Campus Student Life and the Stonewall Center for a discussion of living off-campus. Dinner will be provided.

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***SpACE+ & BPQC Cupcakes & Costumes***

***Mon., Oct. 21, 7-8 p.m., Stonewall Center***

In celebration of Ace Week and Halloween, come chill out and eat cupcakes in costume with us! Sponsored by the SpACE+, the Bi/Pan/Queer Collective, and the Stonewall Center.

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***Queer & Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Sugar Skull Decorating Night***

***Wed., Oct. 23, 6 p.m., Stonewall Center***

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

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***Trans & Nonbinary Paint & Sip***

***Thurs., Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m., Stonewall Center***

Open to trans and nonbinary students and supporters. Because space is limited, please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/transpaintnsip](https://tinyurl.com/transpaintnsip)

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***Halloween Costume Party***

***Mon., Oct. 28, 6-8 p.m., Old Chapel***

Come join the Disability Culture Club and the Stonewall Center for a spooktacular Halloween party. Enter the costume contest and win prizes. Refreshments provided.

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***Disability Services Open House***  
***Tues., Oct. 1, 3-5 p.m., 161 and 233 Whitmore***  
***Games, prizes, and demos. ASL interpreted.***

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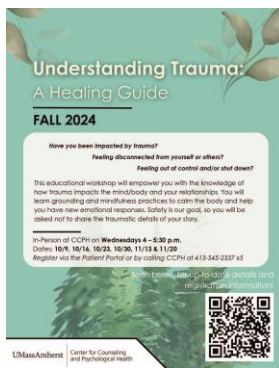
***Trans & Gender-Nonconforming Support Group Meeting***  
***Wed., Oct. 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.***

Meets every Wednesday. All meetings are by Zoom, except the first Wednesday of each month, which is held in-person at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH). Free and open to all UMass and other Five College students who identify as trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, or questioning. Facilitated by CCPH. Call CCPH if interested in joining: 413-545-2337.



***LGBTQIA+ Talk Space Meeting***  
***Wed., Oct. 2, 6-7:30 p.m., 102 Wilder Hall***

This is weekly drop-in group for students to socialize, make friends, and talk about topics like classes, mental health, and being LGBTQIA+. Open to all UMass and other Five College students. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center and CCPH.



***Understanding Trauma: A Healing Guide***  
***Wednesdays 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/13, & 11/20, 4-5:30 p.m., CCPH (Middlesex Building)***

This six-session educational workshop series will empower you with the knowledge of how trauma impacts the mind/body and your relationships. You will learn grounding and mindfulness practices to calm the body and help you have new emotional responses. Safety is our goal, so you will be asked not to share the traumatic details of your story. Register via the Patient Portal or by calling CCPH directly (413-545-2337 x5). Students should plan to attend all sessions and participate in the full series.

**Pop-Up Programming at CWC**  
Flexible hours throughout the week to give you more opportunities to participate.

9/9-9/13	<b>FIND MY CENTER</b>	Walk a labyrinth and fill a stuffed dog
9/23-9/27	<b>GROW</b>	Reflect on growth as you plant a succulent
10/7-10/11	<b>REST</b>	Make sleepy tea or a DIY eye pillow
10/21-10/25	<b>CREATE</b>	Make a fall garland or pumpkin craft
11/8-11/22	<b>SHOW GRATITUDE</b>	Share thanks with a postcard or painting
12/9-12/13	<b>SHINE</b>	Create an affirmation mirror or window art

Drop In @ New Africa House 203  
M 10-2 | T 11-2 | W 10-3 | TH 12-4 | F 10-2

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## ***Pop-Up Programming at CWC 203 New Africa House***

Flexible hours throughout the week to give you more opportunities to participate. Drop-in hours: Mon. 10-2, Tues. 11-2, Wed. 10-3, Thurs. 12-4, Fri. 10-2. Activity for Oct. 7-11: “Rest,” where you make sleepy tea and an eye pillow.

## ***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***

### ***Queer Kids Fest 2024***

***Sat., Oct. 5, 10:30-2:30, Northampton Center for the Arts, 33 Hawley St.***

A free festival of music, art, crafts, and books for LGBTQIA+ kids, their families, and allies.

### ***East Coast FTM Group***

***Sun., Oct. 6, 3-5 p.m., 135 Lincoln St., Holyoke***

All transmasculine persons are invited to a meeting where the topic of discussion is "Memories of Your Childhood."

### ***“LGBTQ+ Politics and the U.S. Election”***

***Wed., Oct. 9, 5 p.m., 201 Seelye Hall, Smith College***

A panel discussion with Abbie Goldberg (Clark University), Thomas Hayes (UConn), and Scott LaCombe (Smith College).

***Amherst's National Coming Out Day Celebration***

***Fri., Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m., 101 Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk***

Grab some pizza and share your story. All generations welcome.

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***Asexual/Aromantic Hike for Ace Week***

***Sun., Oct. 20 (rain date: Oct. 26), 11-2:30, Northampton***

Sponsored by the Venture Out Project. Register [here](#). The last day to register is Oct. 17.

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***Rainbow Contra Dance***

***Sat., Oct. 26, 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). No one turned away for lack of funds. N95, KN95, or KF94 mask required (masks available there).

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