

Women and Gender Services, LGBTQ+ Services May 2025 NEWSLETTER

///WELCOME

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

The effort to officially recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander contributions to the United States began in the late 1970s, and took over 10 years to make it a permanent month-long celebration.

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///UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Book Recs.

LBGTQ+: Horse Barbie: A Memoir

TAGS: Filipina, Memoir, Trans Woman, Queer Woman

As a young femme in 1990s Manila, Geena Rocero heard, “Bakla, bakla!” a taunt aimed at her feminine sway, whenever she left the tiny universe of her eskinita. When her pageant competitors mocked her as a “horse Barbie” due to her statuesque physique, tumbling hair, long neck, and dark skin, she leaned into the epithet. By seventeen, she was the Philippines’ highest-earning trans pageant queen

Books at: libib.com/u/lbgtqmit

WXGS: This Place is Still Beautiful

TAGS: Young Adult Romance, API, Sisterhood

Annalie and Margaret are sisters who agree on only one thing- that they have nothing in common. Until Annalie arrives home one day to find a gut-punching racial slur painted on their garage door. Margaret and Annalie find their relationship hanging by a thread - and then, when it looks like the thrill of first love and lost love might bring them together, a crushing secret threatens to tear them apart forever..

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Mujeres Latinas loteria Night

This event promotes the work of Women entrepreneurs and artists in the New England area. Fostering an environment of support and innovation for our community by hosting Marketplaces throughout the Boston area, spotlighting inspirational Women and telling their stories.

When and Where Is This?

Location: Wellbeing Lab W20-208

Date: Friday May2nd

Time: 7 PM - 9:00 PM

Period Palooza: The Economic Empowerment of Women Advocacy Day

Join the Junior League of Boston for Period Palooza! This event will bring together volunteers to pack thousands of menstrual care kits. Enjoy coffee and snacks while networking with an incredible community committed to the health and well-being of women and girls.

When and Where Is This?

Location: Junior League of Boston, 117 Newbury Street

Date: Saturday, May 3rd

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Gay as a Songbird

"Gay as a Songbird" is a gala celebrating queerness in music presented by the New England Conservatory. Featuring a pre-concert talk by a transgender tenor, live performances, and light refreshments, all are invited to this event.

When and Where Is This?

Location: Burnes Hall, 255 Saint Botolph Street

Date: Wednesday, May 7th

Time: 7:00 PM

Fancy Dance

Since her sister's disappearance, Jax has cared for her niece, Roki, by scraping by on the Seneca-Cayuga reservation in Oklahoma. Every spare minute goes into finding her missing sister while also helping Roki prepare for an upcoming powwow.

When and Where Is This?

Location: SPXCE 31-110

Date: Friday May 2nd

Time: 6:30 PM

The Armenian Woman, Minoritarian Agency, and the Making of Iranian Modernity

Berberian and Grigor read archival, textual, visual, and oral history sources together and against one another to challenge conventional notions of "the archive" and transform silences and absences into audible and visual presences

Where Is This?

Location: 3-133
Date: Monday, May 5th
Time: 5:30 PM

Breaking Bread

Join us you for our last edition of Breaking Bread– a meal of meaningful conversation, connection, and community space to engage in thoughtful dialogue over a shared meal. We are excited to welcome Professor Cullen Buie who will lead this candid conversation

Where Is This?

Location: DUSP 9-217
Date: Tuesday, May 6th
Time: 12:00pm

i.e. Karaoke Night

Join i.e and sing away your stress with a. Karaoke Night! Join for karaoke, mocktails, and snacks

Where Is This?

Location: SPXCE 31-110
Date: Thursday, May 8th
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

MIT OPEN SPACE MOVie NIGHT: REEL Rock

Join the MIT Open Space for a movie night.

Where Is This?

Location: MIT Open Space
Date: Friday, May 9th
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Boston Women's Market

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Where Is This?

Location: Downtown Crossing

Date: Saturday, May 17th

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

///Acronyms In Our Newsletters

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If you have any suggestions for our newsletter then don't hesitate to reach out at: lbgt_wxgs@mit.edu

- *GA: Graduate Assistant*
- *ICEO: Institute Community & Equity Office*
- *IDHR: Institute Discrimination and Harassment Response Office*
- *I.E.: Intercultural Engagement*
- *LBGTQ+: Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer Plus*
- *RL: Rainbow Lounge*
- *WGS: Women and Gender Studies*
- *WXGS: Women and Gender Services*

You are welcome here

MIT Rainbow Lounge
(50-250)

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Cheney Room
3-308

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