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events guide

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One week during the month of March is dedicated to celebrating diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions through various student-led programs and events. This year the Spectrum Center is highlighting Spring Pride Programs being brought to you through LGBT Health Awareness Week and the Coalition for Queer People of Color's March Symposium. All Spring Pride Week events are listed below and pages have been created to specifically view events for taking place for LGBT Health Awareness Week and the Coalition for Queer People of Color's March Symposium.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Trans 101

12:00pm – 1:00 pm, West Lecture Hall, Med Sci II

Sponsored by: OutMD, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

This event will be presented by the Spectrum Center.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Trans Men Coming Out Panel

12:00pm – 1:00 pm, West Lecture Hall, Med Sci II

Sponsored by: OutMD, AMMO, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

Wondering what it means to be trans, ways being trans may affect one's daily life or health, or how you as a future provider can be supportive of trans identified patients? During this panel several trans men from the community will share their perspectives on how to be a trans ally, their stories of coming out, and their experiences interacting with health care providers.

LGBT Elders in Long-term Care-- Film Screening 'Gen Silent'

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, School of Public Health I, Room 1655

Sponsored by: OutMD, OUTbreak, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

OUTbreak presents a critically acclaimed documentary about the issues faced by LGBT elders in long-term care settings. The film "Gen Silent" has been featured in film festivals across the country and examines issues of aging, access to care, and identity that produce unique health experiences for LGBT elders. Dinner will be served during the film's screening with discussion to follow.

Turntable Takeover: Musical Alliances among Queer Women of Color
A Public Lecture and Performance Featuring DJ Emancipacion and DJ Rumorosa
4:00pm – 6:00pm, Palmer Commons Forum 4th Floor
Sponsored by: OAMI, MESA, Department of Afroamerican Studies, and the Spectrum Center

DJ Emancipacion and DJ Rumorosa are among the leading DJ's and musicians of the San Francisco Bay Area's queer club scene. They are also community-based activists committed to racial, class, gender, queer, and anti-war based movements. They will discuss the significance of mixing and performing music to building queer community-based alliances and the development of gathering spaces for queer women and trans people to gather. Their lecture will be followed by a performance.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Reconstructive Surgeries for Transgender Individuals

12:00pm – 1:00pm, West Lecture Hall, Med Sci II

Sponsored by: OutMD, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

Dr. William M. Kuzon, Jr. is the Reed O. Dingman Professor of Surgery in the Section of Plastic Surgery at the University of Michigan and conducts gender reconstruction surgeries for transgender individuals. He has been the Section Head for Plastic Surgery since 2001 and directed the Integrated Plastic Surgery Residency Program at Michigan from 2001-2010.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Intersections of Sexuality and Public Health: Examining LGBT Youth Health Disparities

12:00pm – 1:00pm, West Lecture Hall, Med Sci II:

Sponsored by: OutMD, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

Dr. Bauermeister is Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, and Director of the Sexuality & Health Research Lab at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. His primary research interests focus on sexuality and health, sexuality-related health disparities, and interpersonal prevention and health promotion strategies for adolescents and young adults. He is Principal Investigator of several projects examining HIV/AIDS risk among young men who have sex with men and other health-related disparities among sexual minorities.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Are Homosexuals Still Sick?

12:00pm – 1:00pm, West Lecture Hall, Med Sci II

Sponsored by: OutMD, the Diversity and Career Development Office, and the UMHS Comprehensive Gender Services Program

Part of LGBT Health Awareness Week

Dr. Halperin is the W. H. Auden Distinguished University Professor of the History and Theory of Sexuality at the University of Michigan, where he is also Professor of English Language and Literature, Women's Studies, Comparative Literature, and Classical Studies. He is the author or editor of ten books, including *One Hundred Years of Homosexuality* (Routledge, 1990), *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader* (Routledge, 1993), *Saint Foucault* (Oxford UP, 1995), *What Do Gay Men Want?* (U of Michigan Press, 2007, 2009), *Gay Shame* (U of Chicago Press, 2009); and *How To Be Gay* (Harvard UP, 2012).

Women, Turn the Tables!

3:00pm – 5:00pm, Haven Hall Room G634

Sponsored by: Arab American Studies and Latino/a Studies. Co-sponsored by the Spectrum Center, SCOR, LGQRI, DAAS, IRWG, LACS, the Department of Women's Studies, DQSN, and OAMI

*Registration is required for this event.

Please register through the Google link below: <http://tinyurl.com/7xt3jdr>

This workshop is open for anyone, but will focus on how women can become DJ's. The purpose is to de-mystify the art of DJ-ing since popular culture tends to define DJ-ing as an exclusively male art form. The workshop will introduce participants to the art of DJ-ing, providing hands on information and experience. For instance, participants will learn about DJ terminology, equipment, and instructions for when one first gets offered a gig.

Workshop Instructors: DJ Emancpadion (rjemancpacion.com) draws inspiration through sound from people's movements for freedom and liberation. She takes you on a journey through Africa (her homeland) via Chicago (her birthplace), tracing tribal roots, future dubs, and lots of soul.

DJ Rumorosa's sound is Tropical and Nuevo Latino with an emphasis on the Cumbia dissemination from Colombia to Peru, Argentina, Chicano, and Mexican Cumbia. She also focuses on electronic/ soulful house, international and classic hip-hop, reggaeton, dancehall, salsa, disco and funk and music that moves the body and soul.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Randy Roberts Potts “Miracles and Mendacity”

5:00 pm, First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 120 South State Street

Sponsored by Rainbow Crossing, FUMC Music & Liturgical Arts Ministries

Randy Roberts Potts, a former social worker and middle school English teacher, is a freelance writer who wrote about his coming out experience as the grandson of televangelist Oral Roberts in the re-cent *It Gets Better* book. He is also the man behind the “The Gay Agenda” project, a performance art piece touring the Bible Belt in 2012. Randy will speak on issues of being gay and Christian.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Spring Pride Rally

12:00pm – 1:00pm, Central Campus Diag

Sponsored by: LGBT Commission of MSA

Join us as we celebrate the work our community has accomplished, focus on what work needs to be done, and how *YOU* can be part of the movement towards equality for all. Charles Pugh, Jim Toy, and others will speak on the progressions of the LGBTQ Movement, how it has made an impact on their lives, and what these changes mean for the future.

Free and Anonymous HIV Testing

6:00pm – 8:00pm, Spectrum Center

Sponsored by: Spectrum Center and HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC)

Every Monday from September-April, a counselor from HARC is at the Spectrum Center from 6-8 pm offering free and anonymous HIV testing. The Spectrum Center is a welcoming and safe space for all those seeking testing. For more information on HARC and testing, call 800.578.2300 or visit them on the web at <http://hivaidresource.org/hiv-testing/>.

Contact [Ariana Bostian-Kentes](#) for more information.

Gender Explorers

8:00pm - 10:00pm, Spectrum Center (3200 Michigan Union)

Sponsored by: Spectrum Center

A social and support group for transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, and TG-questioning people and those who transgress gender binaries. This safe, open, and affirming space includes discussion and fellowship. Trans-friendly family, friends, and significant others are also welcome. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Contact pajeho@umich.edu for more information

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

LGBTQ and Ally Graduate Student and Faculty Mixer

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Assembly Hall, Rackham Graduate School, 915 East Washington Street

Sponsored by: Rackham Graduate School and the Spectrum Center

Mix and mingle graduate students, staff and faculty over light refreshments in the West Conference Room of Rackham Graduate School from 5:30p-7:00p. A welcome will be offered from Rackham Graduate School and the Spectrum Center. This is the place to connect with other LGBTA graduate students as well as talk with LGBT and ally staff and faculty on campus. This event is co-sponsored by Rackham Graduate School and the Spectrum Center, Division of Student Affairs.

Please register at: <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/calendar/events/1600/>

Contact [Will Sherry](#) for more information.

Locked Up: (Over)Incarceration of LGBTQ Youth of Color

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Annenberg Auditorium (in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

Sponsored by: Coalition for Queer People of Color and Students Organizing Against Prisons (SOAP)

Moderated panel discussion of how lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth of color are disproportionately impacted by the U.S. criminal justice system. Expert panelists include [Kenyon Farrow](#) (formerly of Queer for Economic Justice), [Maya Rupert](#) (National Center for Lesbian Rights) and [Jack Harrison](#) (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force). The event will conclude with small group discussions and a catered reception.

If you have Facebook, please be sure to RSVP [here](#). Otherwise, feel free contact [Noel Gordon](#) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

WEDSDAY, MARCH 14

LGBT 101

12:00pm – 1:30pm, Pierpont Commons Boulevard Room

Sponsored by: Spectrum Center

What does LGBTQ stand for? Is it okay to say “queer”? What’s the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity? In this workshop you will learn the basics all the way from terminology to how to be an ally to the LGBTQ community. Workshop will be facilitated by Spectrum Center staff.

Movie Screening

7:00pm – 9:00pm, Central Student Government Chambers (3rd floor of the Union)

Sponsored by: LGBT Commission

We will be hosting a movie and discussion session about LGBT history and politics. If you have suggestions for a movie, email Ethan Hahn at ethahahn@umich.edu. Food will be provided.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

WEAR YOUR ALLY T-SHIRT DAY

All Day, Everywhere

Show that you are OUT and Proud as an Ally by wearing your LGBTQ Ally Training Program Shirt. Learn more about the program at: spectrumcenter.umich.edu

The "F Word": What Does Feminism Mean for Women of Color

11:30a-1:00p, CSG Chambers (located on the 3rd floor of the Michigan Union)

Sponsored by: Nourish YOURself and the Coalition for Queer People of Color

Moderated panel discussion of what Feminism means to self-identified women of color at the University of Michigan. Program attendees will have the opportunity to write down questions for the panelists and engage in meaningful dialogue. Food will be provided.

Contact [Erica Williams](#) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

OUT on North! Campus Spring Pride Tabling with oSTEM

12:00pm – 2:00pm, Pierpont Commons Atrium

Sponsored by Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (oSTEM) and the Spectrum Center

Stop by the Spectrum Center table for buttons, snacks, info, and more!

Youth.Out

6:30pm – 8:00pm, Neutral Zone, 310 East Washington St. Ann Arbor

Sponsored by: Neutral Zone's Riot Youth

**Supported by: Arcus Gay and Lesbian Fund, Queer Fund of Liberty Hill Foundation, Mukti Fund
Free and open to the public; donations accepted**

All community members who want to support LGBTQ youth in creating meaningful change are invited to attend [Riot Youth's 3rd annual Youth.Out event](#). Riot Youth members will present information on the work they have been doing to advocate for a positive, inclusive school climate for all students on the state and local policy level, as well as, in the schools.

The Lion King was Gay Propaganda and Other Republicans' Thoughts on the LGBTQ Community

7:00pm, Michigan Union Pond Room

Sponsored by: Stonewall Democrats, the LGBTQ issues committee of College Democrats

In 2004, Michele Bachmann proposed that Elton John's influence in The Lion King forces a gay agenda upon impressionable children. This, and other quotes from leading republicans, has raised concern from many groups over the effects of a GOP presidency on LGBTQ rights. In honor of Spring Pride week and the upcoming election, Stonewall Democrats presents an evaluation of the presidential candidates and how they would impact the LGBTQ community. The event will feature comedian Jenny Gustafson of UM's COMCO, an Organizing for America representative, and free food.

UM Grad Student Same-Gender Speed Dating

7:00pm – 10:00pm, /aut/ BAR (315 Braun Court in Kerrytown)

Sponsored by: OutMD

Looking to meet someone of the same gender? Come speed date! Be your charming self, chat, and enjoy great drinks. We'll take care of the matching. **Speed dating is open to all UM graduate students who are 21 and over and has a fee of \$15 to participate.**

All proceeds will go to OutMD (formerly known as BGLAM - Bisexuals Gays Lesbians and Allies in Medicine) of the UM Medical School and our effort to raise awareness of LGBT health-related issues.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the event. We are anticipating the spots to fill up quickly, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible.

Flames on Ice

8:00pm – 10:00pm, Yost Ice Arena

Sponsored by: LGBT Commission

Come to Yost Ice Arena for open skate night and skate for free! No admission fee or skate rental fees required for the first 50 people to show up. Learn about upcoming projects the LGBT Issues Commission has planned as well as meet new friends and skate away to your heart's content.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Asexuality and You

10:30am – 4:00pm, Central Campus Diag

Sponsored by: Asexual Support and Visibility Group

Come on the Diag between 10:30 am and 4:00 pm to meet and chat with members of your neighborhood Asexual Support and Visibility Group. Have questions? Never heard of asexuality before? Want to learn more? Stop by, we will be talking about asexuality and answer any questions people have. The group is made up of asexuals and sexual (non-asexual) allies alike, so don't be shy. Or, feel free to come to our group meetings, Fridays 5-7 pm in the Spectrum Center, where we are always happy to explain and answer questions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Intentionally Supporting LGBTQ Students of Color Workshop

3:00pm - 5:30pm, Wolverine Room ABC (located on the 1st floor of the Michigan Union)

Sponsored by: The Coalition for Queer People of Color

This 2.5 hour-long workshop is being offered three times over the weekend. This workshop is focused on teaching University of Michigan students, faculty and staff how to be better allies to queer and questioning students of color. Participants can expect to leave this workshop with a better understanding of the intersection between race and sexuality. Space is limited, so be sure to sign-up today!

The deadline to submit an application form is Thursday, March 15th at 10:00p. Feel free to contact Noel Gordon if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Intentionally Supporting LGBTQ Students of Color Workshop

12:00pm - 2:30pm OR 2:30pm- 5:00pm, Wolverine Room ABC (1st floor of the Union)

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Psychosocial Health of African-American Sexuality Minority Men

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Ford School of Public Health Room 1655.

Sponsored by: OUTbreak, OUTMD and the Coalition for Queer People of Color

Lunchtime lecture and discussion with Dr. Louis F. Graham. Dr. Graham is a W.K. Kellogg Postdoctoral Health Scholar at the School of Public Health. His current research looks at mental health and sexually transmitted infections among Black and Latino gay and bisexual men and social and sexual geographies among transgender youth in Detroit. Food will be provided.

Note: If you have Facebook, please be sure to RSVP [here](#). Otherwise, feel free to contact [Jamie Tam](#) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Inside Out: Portraits of Transgender Children

12:00 - 1:30pm, Kuenzel Room

Sponsored by: Spectrum Center

Photographer Sarah Wong will travel from Amsterdam to speak about her work with gender variant children in The Netherlands. In her country, transgender people are treated with compassion and acceptance when it comes to social acceptance and medical treatment. Sarah's photographs chronicle young children who have come of age in this environment and reveal the drastic impact such support can have on one's happiness.

Check out Sarah's website to learn more about her and her work: www.sarahwong.com

Catwalk Extravaganza!

8:00pm – 10:00pm, Vandenberg Room of the Michigan League (located on the 2nd Floor)

Sponsored by: OUTbreak, Ambatana Multicultural Council and the Coalition for Queer People of Color

2nd annual Catwalk Extravaganza! You are invited to showcase your diversity, uniqueness and inner fabulosity during this queer and ally community event. Part runway, part drag, and part variety show - Catwalk Extravaganza is all about self-expression. One performer will receive the title of *Michigan's Catwalk Diva Extraordinaire*.

Note: If you would like to perform at the Catwalk Extravaganza, please submit the following [application form](#). Otherwise, feel free to contact [Jamie Tam](#) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.