

LGBTQ+ History Month Events Calendar October 2018

LGBTQ+ History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. LGBTQ+ History Month provides role models, builds community, and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions. Currently, LGBTQ+ History Month is a month-long celebration that is specific to the United States, and the United Kingdom. In the United States, it is celebrated in October to coincide with National Coming Out Day on October 11. (Mosaic's SafeZone 2018). We invite you to share this with your friends, co-workers, professors, and networks in and out of the UMBC community. For more information, feel free to visit Campus Life's Mosaic website!

Happy LGBTQ+ History Month!

- Campus Life's Mosaic Staff

- **Every other Monday — Between Women Discussion Group**

- *Women's Center, 4:00PM-5:00PM*

- Between Women is a discussion-based program that centers the experiences of women students who identify on the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. This structured, topic-based program discusses sexuality and sexual orientation with a focus on intersectionality and provides a safe space for women and feminine-identified students to share their feelings and experiences with other women.

- **Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday — LGBTQ+ Student Union Meetings**

- The LGBTQ Student Union (LSU) is an LGBTQ+ organization established for the purpose of advocating for the interests of the LGBTQ students at UMBC and hosting events to promote inclusion on campus. They hold Advocacy meetings on Mondays, Trans Tuesdays, and Discussion meetings on Thursdays.

- **10/11 — National Coming Out Day**

- National Coming Out Day (NCOB) is an annual LGBTQ+ awareness day observed on October 11 and October 12 in some parts of the world. Founded in the United States in 1988, the initial idea was grounded in the

feminist and gay liberation spirit of the personal being political, and the emphasis on the most basic form of activism being coming out to family, friends and colleagues, and living life as an openly lesbian or gay person.

- **10/12 — Coming Out Day Barbeque**

- *Terrace Apartments Courtyard, 4:00PM-5:00PM*
- Come out to LSU's annual potluck barbecue! There will be activities such as the Coming Out Pyre, where people will write down grievances they have or things they want to vent about on cards, and then burn them in the bonfire.

- **10/17 — International Pronouns Day**

- International Pronouns Day seeks to make asking, sharing, and respecting personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people. Together, we can transform society to celebrate people's multiple, intersecting identities. The inaugural date of International Pronouns Day is Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Individuals and groups will participate in grassroots activities that they determine at the local level. Some languages do not have gendered personal pronouns, and so this is not an issue or concern. Some languages have gendered terms that people use referring to themselves. Some languages gender more than just pronouns, including various nouns and adjectives describing people. International Pronouns Day is open to all who may find it useful in their context, but we also recognize that this campaign website and materials are currently rooted in the particular needs in the English language context and communities.

- **10/30 — What's the (T)ea?: Policies Beyond Marriage Equality**

- *Commons 329, 5:00PM-6:30PM*
- There's no denying that the 2015 Supreme Court case legalizing marriage equality nationwide was a landmark decision for LGBTQ+ rights in the U.S., but what other policies affect this community? Join the Mosaic for a discussion of issues sometimes overlooked, such as adoption, gender marker and name changes, conversion therapy, and more. All undergrads, grads, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend! [Link](#).