

Support for LGBTQ Students During Coronavirus

We know that many of our LGBTQ+ students are not able to be their authentic selves at home. These staff and faculty are willing and able to virtually chat, email or have a phone conversation with you. Following the list of names is a list of resources. Do not hesitate to reach out to any of us. We are here to help and to support you! Corsairs Care!

Professor Shannon Avery

Dr. Shannon Avery-Desmarais is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She has been a primary care nurse practitioner for Southcoast Health since 2014. She has also worked as a nurse practitioner for Fenway Health, a community health clinic in Boston with a focus on LGBTQ health. Prior to becoming a nurse practitioner, she was a critical care nurse for 10 years. Her research focus is on substance use and LGBTQ health. She lives with her wife, dog and one crazy cat.

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Mary Beckwith

Mary Beckwith is the Director of Student Conduct & Dispute Resolution. Ms. Beckwith is a long-time student affairs veteran, having worked in such areas as housing and residence life, new student orientation and judicial affairs. A first-generation college student and a product of the UMass system, Ms. Beckwith holds a B.A. in Mass Communication and an M.Ed. in Educational Media and Technology, both from UMass Amherst. Prior to coming to UMass Dartmouth, Ms. Beckwith worked at UMass Amherst, Franklin Pierce College, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Drexel University, Muhlenberg College, and the Marine Biological Laboratory. A native of Worcester, Ms. Beckwith makes her home in Dartmouth with her wife and son.

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Jay Campagnone

Jay Campagnone is the program manager for the Diversity Nursing Scholars Program. His passions include removing barriers to education and other life opportunities for young people who are diverse (e.g. first generation, students of color, LGBTQ, etc.).

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Cynthia Cummings is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. She serves as an advocate for students and assists them with problem solving. In addition, she assists students who are in crisis and works with students who have violated the University's Code of Conduct. Prior to coming to UMass Dartmouth, Cynthia worked for 25 years at the University of Delaware in various Student Affairs positions, culminating in six years as Associate Vice President for Campus Life (Dean of Students). She has extensive experience in college and university residential education, college student rights, responsibilities, and conduct, student activism, and crisis management. She has served as a consultant to higher education institutions, public school systems, and community organizations on issues of diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion.

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Laura Franz

Professor Franz is a Professor and Chairperson of the Art & Design Department. Inspired by the intersection of tradition and technology, Laura is interested in how we can use history and theory from established media to inform our work in new media. She researches, writes, and presents papers on typography for the web, how and why people read, and the history and context of graphic design.

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Beth-Anne Guthrie

Beth-Anne Guthrie is the Director for Health Promotion, She worked at the Boston Visiting Nurse Association and Boston HealthNet for several years before joining the UMass Dartmouth community in 2004 as the Health Educator. Her professional areas of interest include: social justice and its relationship to health care access, delivery, quality and outcomes; comprehensive sex education; mental health promotion and suicide prevention; and women's health. Beth-Anne has been strongly influenced by her volunteer work at various non-profit organizations, including: Health House (a now defunct women's health resource center). Planned Parenthood, Boston G.L.A.S.S. (Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services), F.I.N.E.X. House (a shelter for women and children escaping abuse), and Fenway Health.

She is a certified QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer: suicide prevention program) and OWL (Our Whole Lives: comprehensive sexuality education) instructor.

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Jason Loete serves as the Director of Recruitment, Retention & Student Success for the College of Visual and Performing Arts. His background is heavily based in the theatre, where he worked as an actor, director, educator and administrator for 27 years before coming to UMass Dartmouth. He lives in Providence with his two rescued greyhounds, sings with the Providence Gay Men's Chorus, and is active with AIDS Care Ocean State, and RI Pride. 508-910-6635

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Juli Parker

Dr. Juli Parker is the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality. She is a longtime advocate of feminist praxis and social justice. Her research interests involve the representation of women, people of color and LGBTQ folx in media. She lives in Swansea, MA with two rescue dogs, Stella and Louise, two cats Moxie & Lancelot and her partner of 28 years. In her free time, she likes to act and direct at local theatres, re-hab vintage trailers, garden and golf (poorly).

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Rekha Rosha

Dr. Rekha Rosha is the Student Support Coordinator in the College of Nursing. She began her career inside the college classroom teaching American literature and composition. Having been a first-generation and low-income college student, and based on her research on class and capital, she began searching for opportunities to increase academic success for all students. Her search led her to student support services, and for the past six years, Dr. Rosha has worked on increasing persistence and retention among first-generation and low-income students. Dr. Rosha and her wife, Jennifer, live in beautiful Pawtuxet Village, RI with their two cats—Sid Fishes and Macheath—and their tortoise, Carlotta Valdes. On the rare occasion when she's not gardening, she serves as a board chair of Frequency Writers, Providence's oldest creative writing organization.

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National/State/COVID-19 specific resources

COVID-19 Specific

NCTE (National Center for Trans Equality)'s [What Trans People need to Know about COVID-19](#):

[COVID-19 Trans/Queer Relief Form](#) (Peer to Peer financial support):

[A Know Your Rights Guide For Transgender Person Navigating COVID-19](#):

[TransLifeline](#)

[Infographic on Trans People and Binding amid COVID-19](#):

Center for LGBT Education, Outreach, and Services [LGBTQ+ People and COVID-19](#)

[The Trevor Project](#)

[American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)

Psychology Tools: [Guide to Living with Worry and Anxiety Amidst Global Uncertainty](#)

Find [queer artists](#) who are performing daily.

Explore seven [museums](#) to experience LGBTQ art online.

Find support for the vulnerability of our LGBTQIA+ community navigating Coronavirus

[Coronavirus 2019: What LGBTQ+ People should know](#)

[The Know Your Rights Guide](#) for Transgender People Navigating COVID-19

[What Trans People Need to Know](#) about COVID-19

[What if you are Trans](#) and you need to go to the ER?

Social/Virtual Connections/Support:

[Transgender Law Center](#) Virtual Community Gatherings (re: COVID-19)

[Gender Spectrum](#) Resources for Challenging Times (COVID-19) & Online support groups

[Neighborhood](#) (Family Equality): A Virtual Hub for LGBTQ+ Families amid the COVID-19 crisis:

[TBuddy](#) - online, chat, phone, 24/7 support for transmasculine individuals by transmasc individuals

[Find National LGBT Centers](#) h

[Trans in Color](#) - support for transmasc POC

[PsyberGuide](#)

Sign up to receive queer-affirming, daily affirmations from [Your Holiday Mom](#) or find them on Twitter & Tumblr

Hotlines/peer support lines:

TransLifeline: 877-565-8860 (9am - 3am CST)

The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678 (24 hotline for LGBTQ youth)

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564

The LGBT National Youth Talkline (serving through age 25): 1-800-246-7743

QChatSpace (live chat sessions for LGBTQ+ youth 13-19)

The [TransLifeLine](#) Transgender Crisis 877-273-8255

The National Runaway [Safeline](#) 1-800-RUNAWAY

Fenway Community Health Peer Listening
Phone 617-267-2535 Toll Free 800-399-PEER

These sites below have information about family relationships and interacting with family and friends:

Human Rights Campaign [guide](#) for coming out to your family and friends

Common [questions](#) parents ask.

Trans [support](#) for parents.

HRC's [coming out as a supporter](#) of LGBT people

[Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.](#)

Other Resources

Fenway Community Health Peer Listening

The Peer Listening Line is an anonymous and confidential phone line that offers LGBTQ youth a safe place to call for information, referrals and support.

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BAGLY-Boston Alliance of GLBT Youth

The Boston Alliance of GLBT Youth is a youth-led, adult-supported social support organization committed to social justice and creating, sustaining and advocating for programs, policies and services for GLBT youth aged 22 and under. Emmanuel Church Boston 15 Newbury Street Boston, MA 02116 Phone: 617-227-4313

Boston Glass Community Center

GLASS provides a drop-in center for LGBTQ youth aged 13-25. It is a safe space to relax and socialize with trained adults who are available to talk.

93 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor Boston, MA 02115 Phone: 617-266-3349 Email: jlopez@jri.org

Boston Area Transgender Support (BATS) BATS is a peer-run support group for transgender young adults in the Boston area.

Justice Resource Initiative -- Health

JRI-Health offers programs addressing the needs of persons at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS, for homeless, troubled, and GLBT youth, and for persons with a broad range of disabilities requiring supported housing.

25 West Street Boston, MA 02116 Phone: 617-457-8150 Email: jrihealth@jri.org

Waltham House

Waltham House is a residential home that can house up to twelve LGBTQ youth ages 14-18.
271 Huntington Avenue Boston, MA 02115-4506 Phone: 617-267-3700 Fax: 617-267-8142 Email:
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Youth Pride, Inc.

YPI's programming is dedicated to meeting the social, emotional and educational needs of LGBTQ youth.
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