

Gaypril

April 2025 Uplifting and Celebrating Our LGBTQ+ Community

John Jay Pride: Gaypril Kickoff

April 1 | 1:00–3:00 p.m. | Hound Square

Join us as we launch Gaypril with an exciting celebration featuring live music, performances, giveaways, a photobooth, and local vendors from across NYC! This event sets the stage for a month filled with educational and celebratory programming dedicated to uplifting queer and trans communities.

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Trans 101: Questions and Answers

April 3 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | TBA

Over the past few decades, trans people have become the center of many public conversations, from media representation to their participation in sports. This attention has made it look like trans people are a novelty to us, although all societies throughout history have known trans people. Why is this hard to see if trans people have appeared in modern-day TV shows, in street activism of the twentieth century, and in pre-colonial societies in the Americas? This workshop will be an opportunity to talk about why asking questions about gender, trans and queer people, and their lived experiences is so challenging. Join this conversation to ask questions, get answers, and explore ways to be an ally to all who defy the rigid rules of gender.

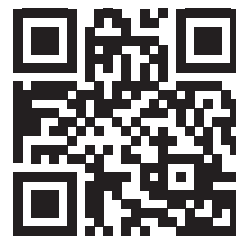
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CUNY LGBTQI+ Student Conference

April 4 | 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. | Bronx Community College

The CUNY LGBTQI+ Council invites you to the fourth annual LGBTQI+ Student Conference at Bronx Community College! Join fellow CUNY LGBTQI+ students for a free day filled with community, learning, and pride. Registration will be required. RSVP and workshop/paneling proposal forms will be available soon! Contact your CUNY LGBTQI+ Council representative for more info on the conference and how to get involved.

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Queer Theatre and Opera in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

April 7 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | Shiva Gallery

This workshop explores the history of queer representation in Ottoman and Turkish performance traditions, examining key figures and works from the imperial era to the republican period. Attendees will gain insight into how queer artists navigated cultural and political landscapes, shaping contemporary Turkish theater and opera while broadening perspectives on global queer history.

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Tick, Tick... Boom! Movie Screening

April 8 | 1:30 p.m. | NB, L2.69.II

Join the LGBTQ+ Honors Committee for a screening of "Tick, Tick... Boom!" The film tells the story of an aspiring composer in NYC who navigates his career choice and the pressures of love and friendship. All are welcome! Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

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Preservation and Resilience Workshop

April 9 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | Shiva Gallery

This workshop examines the connections between food preservation, access, and consumption through a queer lens, exploring its ties to gender, politics, and cultural norms. Through hands-on demonstrations and tastings, attendees will learn how traditional food practices foster sustainability, resilience, and community empowerment within LGBTQ+ spaces.

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Know Your Rights: Gender Identity and Expression Discrimination Protections in New York City

April 10 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | NB, L2.69.II

This KYR workshop was created as part of the TGNC Rights Incubation Project at the Sorensen Center for International Peace and Justice at CUNY Law and co-presented by staff from Brooklyn Legal Services. Through collaboration with campus representatives, the Project aims to create access to legal information and support for TGNC and LGBTQIA+ students across CUNY. The workshop provides information about legal protections for gender identity and expression-based discrimination in NYC specific to TGNC people. We aim to provide practical information about how to navigate the legal system in New York, with a realistic understanding of the utility and limits of these systems. The goal is for participants to gain a better understanding of existing protections in employment and public accommodations in order to strengthen their own, and wider community, advocacy efforts.

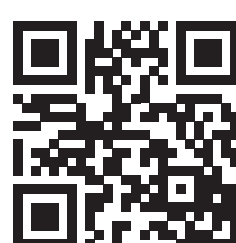
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Supporting LGBTQ+ Students

April 11 | 10:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m. | NB, L2.69.II

This workshop will explore violence within the queer community, highlighting unique complexities, warning signs, and barriers to accessing services. It will also provide strategies to make support more accessible and inclusive for LGBTQ+ individuals. By broadening the perspective beyond a heteronormative context, we aim to address and reduce the higher rates of violence experienced by the LGBTQ+ community.

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Queer Law Panel Discussion

April 22 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | TBA

Join us for a panel discussion hosted by the Legally Conscious Club and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, featuring LGBTQIA+ alums and faculty sharing their career journeys and insights. Topics include the impact of identity in professional spaces, recent legal changes, and navigating workplace and political challenges. All are welcome for an evening of dialogue, reflection, and community-building.

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Book Talk: *The Sexual Evolution*

April 23 | 4:30 p.m. | Moot Court

In *The Sexual Evolution*, biologist Nathan H. Lents argues persuasively that many of our supposedly modern ideas about gender and human sexuality are, in fact, deeply rooted in our animal ancestors. In this presentation, Lents will show how diverse sexual behavior is not a new development, is not unique to humans and is not the product of modern progressive culture. Instead, it's the product of millions of years of evolutionary experimentation throughout the animal kingdom. Nathan H. Lents is a professor of biology at John Jay College and the author of the popular science books *Not So Different*, *Human Errors* and *The Sexual Evolution*. Elizabeth Reis, the discussant, is a distinguished lecturer at the Macaulay Honors College and a professor emerita at the University of Oregon. She is the author of *Bodies in Doubt: An American History of Intersex*.

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Dress and Gender Identity in the Photographic Self-Portraits of Alice Austen and Claude Cahun

April 24 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | TBA

This workshop explores the photography of Alice Austen through the lens of gender, identity, and artistic intent, drawing connections to the provocative self-portraits of Claude Cahun. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how Austen's work challenges traditional narratives of 19th-century sexuality and how photography can serve as a tool for self-expression and resistance.

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Book Club: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*

April 28 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | NB, L2.69.II

Join us for a discussion on *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, a novel exploring identity, fame, and forbidden love through the life of a legendary Hollywood actress. Whether you've finished the book or are just starting, all are welcome to unpack Evelyn Hugo's secrets and the complexities of her relationships.

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BIPOC Queer Conversations: Intergenerational Counterstorytelling

April 29 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | Moot Court

"Before They Tell Our Story." Join us for a screening of this short film that archives the stories of queer students and faculty who are out at CUNY campuses. The film also celebrates the intersectionality of their identities. After the film, we will have a talkback with the director/producer about the power of storytelling across race, class, gender, and sexuality.

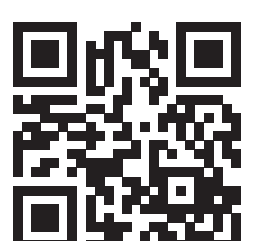
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Lavender Celebration

April 30 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | TBA

Join us on April 30, 2025, for the Lavender Celebration, honoring the achievements of LGBTQ+ and allied graduating seniors at John Jay College. Graduates, families, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to celebrate this milestone—register by April 1, 2025, to secure your spot for this memorable event.

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LGBTQ+ Support Group

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1:40–2:55 p.m. | NB, L.68

This is a safe and confidential group for John Jay College LGBTQ+ identified students. Come and talk about different ways to navigate the coming out process, relationships, intersectionality, and rejection/discrimination experiences.

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Queer Gaming

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. | L2.69.II NB

Take a midweek break and join us every Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for Queer Gaming, a fun and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ students to unwind, connect, and play! Whether you're a casual gamer or a hardcore enthusiast, this is your space to relax, build community, and enjoy games in a safe and inclusive environment. Come solo or bring a friend—either way, we can't wait to game with you!

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