Support Campus Pride Week at Simon's Rock, March 28 – April 3

Under the theme “Explore the World, Discover Yourself,” Celebrate Pride, Simon’s Rock will celebrate inclusivity and diversity with a week full of events highlighting the LGBTQ+ community. Activities scheduled throughout the week, including Simon’s Rock’s first campus wide virtual Drag Brunch, and spring and final exams, will be postponed or canceled in order to accommodate the campus-wide Pride Week festivities. The following week-long events are included:

- LGBTIQ+ Storytelling, Friday, April 2nd at 8 p.m. ET, which is free and open to the public.
- Pride Virtual Book Reading, Friday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m. ET, featuring Simon's Rock alumna, author, and professor of English at BHSEC Newark
- Mock Trial on the History of Pride, Saturday, April 3rd at 11 a.m. ET, presented by the Mock Trial Club
- Poetry Reading by Peter Filkins, Sunday, April 4th at 2 p.m. ET, featuring Simon's Rock alum and Richard B. Fisher Professor of Literature

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ICYMI: Watch the 24th W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Lecture

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Next Alumni Zoom Meet-Up: April 1

Join us on Zoom for an exclusive event where Rockers from all class years are invited to meet up on Zoom to reconnect from the comfort of home. The next gathering is scheduled for April 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET, which is free and open to the public.

New Poetry from Peter Filkins

In support of his new book of poetry out on April 6, Peter Filkins, Richard B. Fisher Professor of Literature, is participating in a nationwide virtual book tour. Simon’s Rock will host a virtual reading with Peter Filkins on Monday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. ET, which is free and open to the public.

Wanted: Your Simon’s Rock Story

Help us fill the Simon’s Rock archives with alumni stories. Archivist Erin Donahue makes it simple, using an interview process inspired by StoryCorps. We invite you to share your unique experiences at this unique college. Contact Erin at archives@simons-rock.edu with your story ideas.

Pals of Simon’s Rock

Simon Harris, a member of the class of 1985 and Simon’s Rock Alum of the Year, and his partner, Dr. Ian Bickford, share the origins of their relationship, how they met, their recent promotions and more. If you’re interested in sharing yourSimon Harris and Dr. Ian Bickford have been together for 30 years and through it all, times have changed. They are both moving into new roles and facing new challenges. How do they stay connected? How do their stories compare to your own? Watch their interview on the Simon’s Rock YouTube channel.

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