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'Orange is the new Black' actress, transgender activist Laverne Cox to speak at Emerson College

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Actress and transgender advocate Laverne Cox, who has a recurring role as "Sophia" in the hit Netflix series "Orange is the new Black," will give a lecture at Emerson College next week about her "journey to womanhood," [campus officials said](#).

The lecture, open to Emerson community members only, will be part of the college's first annual "The Authentic Me: Transgender Awareness Week."

Cox will deliver her talk at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, in the Bright Family Screening Room of the Paramount Center, college officials said. She will answer questions after the lecture, which is titled: "Ain't I a Woman: My Journey to Womanhood."

Other "Transgender Awareness Week" events at Emerson will include: a stand-up comic performance by transgender comedian Jeffrey Gray on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Max Mutchnick Campus Center; a faculty and staff event on transgender inclusion on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 12 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room; a workshop and discussion on ending workplace discrimination on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room; and a screening of the video project "I AM: Trans People Speak" with the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., in the Bright Family Screening Room.

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