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CSGGE Upcoming events

What Now: Focus on Women and Gender in the New Era

Monday, April 7, 2025 | 5:15-6:45pm | Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center

Panelists:

Karen Flynn, Terrance & Karyn Holm Endowed Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago

Julie A. Pryde, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Administrator

Lauren R. Aronson, Clinical Professor of Law at UIUC, Immigration Law Clinic Director

Jessica R. Greenberg, Associate Professor, Anthropology and Director of European Union Center

Moderated by Brett Ashley Kaplan, Director, Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies

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Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center
1212 W. Nevada Street

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES • UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



This event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; the Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies; Illinois Global Institute; EU Center; and Center for Global Studies

Graduate Research Lightning Talks

Friday, April 11th at 12-1:00pm | 306 Coble Hall

Interactive event for graduate students to share research with their peers. Although you only get 3 minutes to share your work! Are you up for the task? Join in on the fun by clicking the link below.

Light lunch provided to those that register

[Click to Register](#)

ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE
Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity
present

**Graduate Research
Lightning Talks** 

Friday, April 11
12:00-1:30pm
306 Coble Hall

Light lunch available for all registered participants.

Limited Space. Registration Required.
<https://go.illinois.edu/LightningTalk25>

How fast can you present your research?
 Join this event to meet other Illinois
 graduate students and share your research
 in 3 minutes or less. Two people will pair up
 and hear about each others research and
 then switch to new teams every 7 minutes.



Co-Sponsors: Center for African Studies; Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies; Center for Global
 Studies; Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies; Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern
 Studies; European Union Center; Illinois Global Institute; Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies; Program in
 Arms Control & Domestic and International Studies; and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

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[Click to view full calendar of events](#)

CSGGE Co-sponsored Events

Women Enviromental Defenders and Climate Change in the Amazon: Peru

Dr. Maritza Paredes is a Sociology Professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, will discuss the complexities of extractive frontier expansion and its intersection with global climate change policies in conservation areas, particularly within indigenous communities.

April 7th, 2025 at 04:00 PM on ZOOM

[Click to register for virtual forum](#)

Nature or Territory? Indigenous Representations of Forest Through Critical Cartography



Dr. Maritza Paredes
Sociology Professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú



April 7th, 2025, 4 pm CST | Virtual meeting with simultaneous translation

Dr. Paredes's research over the past decade has critically examined the complexities of extractive frontier expansion, including the proliferation of illegal economies. More recently, she has explored its intersection with the localized implementation of global climate change policies in conservation areas, particularly within indigenous communities. Her work analyzes the redistributive and justice dimensions of these processes, as well as the collective action and social mobilization they generate. Dr. Paredes holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oxford and an M.A. from Columbia University.

Organized by CLACS, NRES, CSGGE, CGS, GWS, Department of Anthropology, Lamann Center for Brazilian Studies, and ACES.

Scan to register and join the talk



April 10 & 11
Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids

Public Art Exhibition: April 10-May 3

"The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids"
Murphy Art Gallery, University YMCA
Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 10th, 5:30-7:30 pm (with Mirage music ensemble performance 6:30 pm)
Murphy Art Gallery, University YMCA
This exhibition brings together three voices against global apartheid: grassroots activists for humane urbanisms (digital stories); UUC protests and encampments (archival images 1969-2024); and Woman Life Freedom movement (artwork).

Public forum: Friday April 11

"Solidarity with Sudan After Revolt: Reimagining Society, Surviving Vengeance"
306 Coble Hall
Elsadig Elsheikh, Director of Global Justice at UC Berkeley Othering and Belonging Institute.

"The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids."
Latzer Hall, University YMCA
Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project.
This dialogue reflects on an intergenerational exchange among trans women through practices of care and their forging transnational solidarities.

"Constructing Transnational Solidarities from Below: Showcasing Two Platforms"
Latzer Hall, University YMCA
This panel showcases two projects for building transnational solidarity in our times of division. After the two presentations and Q&A please join us for food and refreshments.

"Afro-Asian Solidarities 70 years after Bandung in our emerging multipolar world order"
Elsadig Elsheikh, Director of Global Justice at Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley
Othering and Belonging Institute.
Elsadig reflects on present and past genocidal violence and its resistances like the 1955 Bandung project to forge Third World solidarities among non-aligned states.

"Co-Creating Knowledge for Anti-racist and Transnational Solidarity through Radical Practices of Care, Hope, and Humane Urbanisms."
Members of the Humane Urbanisms Project collective present on their work to produce digital stories of grassroots activism in Brazil, South Africa, Spain and the US.

Sponsored by:
UUC Call to Action Program of the OVCDE; Center for South Asia and Middle East Studies; Center for African Studies; Center for Global Studies; Asian American Studies; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; Women Internationalist; and the Dept of Urban and Regional Planning

Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids

April 10-11, 2025 - All day - Murphy Art Gallery & Room 306

Public Art Exhibition: April 10-May 3 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Murphy Art Gallery

Public forum: Friday, April 11 - 10 am - 4:00 pm - Room 306

Constructing Solidarities Through Power at the Margin is an initiative among engaged scholars and activists to share with the public, as an open source, the conversations held among them on possibilities of constructing a more humane urbanism whereby there is no homelessness and no evictions for maximized profit. This website reports on two main conversations so far. The first

was supported through a two-year effort of the "Insurgent Midwest: Transnational Dialogue for Humane Urbanism" project, which facilitated dialogues among activists in the US (Chicago), South Africa (Cape

Town) and Mexico (Mexico City) and led to the 2017 “Constructing Solidarities for Humane Urbanism” symposium held at UIUC among academic and activists.

The second was a conversation hosted by the University of Minnesota in 2018 at the “Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice” symposium involving housing activists from the West and East coasts as well as the Midwest of the US. This website hopes to continue to serve as a platform to promote the trans-local and transnational solidarities that emerge through stories of power constituted at the margins by fighting back the unjust systems of greed and accumulation institutionalized by white supremacist patriarchal capitalism that produce homelessness and evictions.

[Click button to learn more](#)



Dr. Suneeti Jog

Women in Science Lecture Series

Thursday, April 10th, 12:00 p.m.

Location: Room 146, University Archives, Main Library or via Zoom.

Speaker: Dr. Winful, a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology and a participant in the DRIVE Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Program, will discuss her research on the biological mechanisms linking stress to health, with a focus on inflammation.

The [University of Illinois Archives](#) is hosting a monthly Women in Science Lecture Series that will feature speakers from across the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s diverse and multidisciplinary scientific enterprise. The lecture series seeks to highlight the important innovations and contributions of women in the sciences at the University of Illinois and center the importance of documenting women scientists and engineers to create a diverse and inclusive archival record.

This lecture series is now hybrid and will take place at the University Archives, [Main Library Room 146](#), or over zoom once a month from noon to one pm CT. Please view our schedule and registration links below

Please register here and a Zoom link will be emailed to you.

Friday Forum + Conversation Café



Friday, April 11th

The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarities Against Global Apartheids

Speaker: Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project

Please join the University YMCA and [Diversity & Social Justice Education](#) for our Spring 2025

Friday Forum + Conversation Café series. We

will hear from community leaders tackling our most pressing public concerns through an unwavering pursuit of social justice. Follow this [link](#) for more information!

Fridays at 12 PM in Latzer Hall at the University YMCA.

<https://www.universityymca.org/what-we-offer/programs/friday-forum-conversation-cafe>



GLL Lecture Series “Making a Difference in German Studies/Focus: Critical Disability Studies/Neurodiversity.”

Shaking Mermaid

The talk focuses on the novel *Beside Myself* by German-Jewish author, Sasha Marianna Salzmann. Salzmann grew up in Moscow until 1995, when they emigrated with their family to Germany as Jewish quota refugees.

Speaker: Julia Gutterman is Assistant Professor of German at the University of Virginia. Her research brings questions of gender, disability and

multilingualism to a wide range of German literature and criticism from the nineteenth century to the present. Prof. Gutterman's current research project concerns German literature and its intersections with disability studies.

April 11th at 3pm | LCLB 1080, Lucy Ellis Lounge

Campus Events



Charles Fogelman, LAS Global Studies

"Irrigating the Plantation State"

April 9th 12pm CST (In person and Virtual)

306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright St.

This event is hosted by the Center for African Studies. Through the lens of one ongoing development project, led by the U.S. government and focusing on irrigation, this talk argues that the development industry is using flows of water to make claims on the labor and surpluses of Lesotho and the Basotho people. In the final analysis, the development industry is reproducing Lesotho as it has been by apartheid states, the mining industry, and transnational capital: as a plantation state.

All welcome! Lunch provided

[Click to register for Zoom link \(passcode 862775\)](#)

Atrocities in the Levant through the Jesuit Archives: The Great Famine in Lebanon 1915-1918

April 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: International and Areas Studies Library, 3rd floor The Main Library

This project aims to shed the light on the Jesuit archives at the Jesuit University in Beirut. This archive includes: mémoires, diaries, letters, documents etc. These documents elaborate different aspects of the people's daily lives during a severe period of starvation that took place during WWI, particularly between 1915 and 1918. Some of these documents include the diary of the Jesuit monk Louis Chaikho who spent the war years in Beirut, trying to protect the library and archives of the Jesuit order from Ottoman confiscation.

**Atrocities in the Levant through the Jesuit Archives:
The Great Famine in Lebanon 1915-1918**

**April 23, 2025
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Location:
International and Areas Studies Library, 3rd floor
The Main Library

Featured Talks

10:30 AM: *The largest archive in the Middle East: The Jesuit archive in Lebanon,*
by **Dr. Christian Taoutel** (Saint Joseph University of Beirut)

2:00 PM: *The emergence and collapse of the Ottoman Empire (16-20th centuries),*
by **Dr. Marc Abou Abdallah** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

3:00 PM: *The Great Famine in Lebanon as seen through the Jesuit Archives (1915-1918),*
by **Dr. Christian Taoutel** (Saint Joseph University of Beirut)

Sponsors:
History Department, History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library, Center for South Asia and Middle East Studies (CSAMES), Center for Global Studies, International and Areas Studies Library - University Library

**Exhibit on Jesuit Archive of
WWI available to view from
April 23 - 30 Main Library
(2nd & 3rd floor)**

**The event will serve snacks
and refreshments**

Organized by Dr. Marc Abou Abdallah (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
with the help of Laila Hussein Moustafa and Elias Petros
Contact: marc@uiuc.edu

The event will feature three talks and a small exhibit throughout the years of WWI that highlights some of the collections of the Jesuit archive. The exhibit is held from April 1 to April 30 at the Main Library (3rd floor).

Towards a Center for Gender and Sex in Health

CGSH Spring 2025 Workshop

This panel will explore their vision is to foster a new generation of scholarly inquiries via an initiative, and potentially a center, equipped to address questions related to patient heterogeneity, gender/sex, and health through several phases of nurturing multi-disciplinary cross-pollination across campus.

Join us **Friday, May 2nd, 2025** with keynote speaker [Rose Eveleth](#).

[Save the Date!](#)

We ask that you kindly **register** [here](#) by **April 23**.

All sessions will be held at the [Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology](#).

The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies'

Annual Armenian Remembrance Event



Ara Oshagan and Levon Parian, the brilliant photographers behind the moving [iWitness](#) project which has brought stunning images of survivors of the Armenian genocide to many sites as large scale installations and smaller, more intimate connections.

April 24th at 5pm

Oshagan and Parian will be in conversation (moderated by HGMS director Brett Ashley Kaplan) at the Starlight Room of the Siebel Center.

April 25th at 4pm

Reception at the Illini Union Art Gallery. We hope that this two-pronged exhibit will allow members of the community, students, faculty, and everyone to engage with the stories of these survivors.

Funding Opportunities

Verdell Frazier Young Awards

Women's Resource Center (WRC) Scholarships

The Verdell Frazier Young Award was established to assist women and gender minorities who have had an interruption in pursuing a college degree. Awards are available for Fall, Spring and Summer. Individual applicants can be awarded for two semesters within a given degree program.

Applications for Spring 2025, Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 are currently being accepted on a rolling basis. Applications for the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 terms will be reviewed in April and candidates will be notified in early May regarding award decisions. Applicants for Summer and Fall 2025 are HIGHLY encouraged to submit applications before April 1, 2025 for full consideration.

Additional questions can be directed to the Women's Resources Center at womenscenter@illinois.edu or 217-333-3137.

[Click here to Apply](#)

Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award

The Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award was established through generous gifts from emeriti professors Marianne Ferber and Jean Due.

The Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award is intended to provide financial support for individuals from developing countries conducting dissertation research on gender and development issues, especially research that promises to make a significant contribution to the improvement of women's lives and gender equity in the developing world.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible, applicants must:

- Be from a developing country and demonstrate financial need.
- Conducting dissertation research on gender and development issues.
- The award is intended for current or newly accepted international graduate students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. All genders welcome to apply.

Deadline: Applications are due by **March 15, 2025**.

[Click to Apply](#)

CSGGE Programs

Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minors

CSGGE offers a graduate minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID). The GRID interdisciplinary minor is designed to give students the analytical and empirical skills needed to address and critically evaluate human development issues in research and policy analysis, as well as in daily life. As of 2023, GRID Alumni have come from 41 departments across campus and 52 different countries.

To learn more about the GRID minor, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu or by phone at 333-6221.

Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health



Certificate in
Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with Center for the Study of Gender and Global Equity (CSGGE), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

[Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate](#)



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