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Upcoming Events



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) and Illinois Global Institute for **Spring Panel on Gender and Economy: Environment, Work, and Care** on April 3, 2025 at 3:30 pm. The event will take place at the Illini Union, room 210. Panelists include [Mary Arends-Kuenning](#), [Vernita Pearl Fort](#), [McKenzie Johnson](#), [Elizabeth T. Powers](#), and moderated by [Min Zhan](#), Director of the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity. To learn more please, click [here](#).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) and the Illinois Global Institute for the **Graduate Student Lunch & Learn: Publishing on Gender Related Topics** on *April 4th, 2025 at 12 pm*. The event will take place at *306 Coble Hall, 801 S Wright Street, Urbana, IL*. Speakers include Dominique Moore, Illinois Press Acquisitions Editor and Jeff Mcardle, Illinois Press Journals Manager. To learn more please, click [here](https://go.illinois.edu/GradLunchLearn).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Friday Forum and Conversation Café, "To Thy Happy Children of the Future: Divestment as Progress, Students for Environmental Concerns, in conversation with Jim Hinterlong"** on *April 4, 2025 at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *University YMCA, 1001 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820*. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more please, click [here](https://go.illinois.edu/GradLunchLearn).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity for a co-hosted panel titled **What Now, Focus on Women and Gender in the New Era** on *April 7, 2025 at 5:15 pm*. The event will take place at *Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, 1212 W Nevada St, Urbana, IL 61801*. Roundtable speakers: Karen Flynn, Terrance & Karyn Holm Endowed Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, Lauren R. Aronson, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Julie A. Pryde, Administrator, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, and Moderator: Brett Ashley Kaplan, Director, Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies. To learn more, click [here](https://go.illinois.edu/GradLunchLearn).

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Women in Science Lecture Series: Dr. Taiye Winful** on *April 10, 2025 at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *University Archives (room 146, Main Library) or via Zoom* (a link will be emailed to you after registration). The event will feature Dr. Taiye Winful, a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology and a participant in the DRIVE Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Program. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more and register please, click [here](https://go.illinois.edu/GradLunchLearn).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for the **Graduate Research Lightning Talks** on *April 11 at 12 pm*.

This event will take place at *306 Coble Hall, 801 S Wright Street, Urbana, IL*. Join this event to meet other Illinois graduate students and share your research in 3 minutes or less! A light lunch will be provided for registered participants. To learn more, scan the barcode on the flyer (you will be prompted to register with your UIUC email and password).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Friday Forum and Conversation Café, "The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarities Against Global Apartheids, Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project"** on *April 11, 2025 at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *University YMCA, 1001 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820*. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more please, click

[here](#).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Friday Forum and Conversation Café, Stories From Her Work as a Tribal Attorney, Land Defender and Founder of the Giniw Collective** by **Tara Houska, Tribal Attorney and Founder of the Giniw Collective** on *April 18, 2025 at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *University YMCA, 1001 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820*. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more please, click [here](#).

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) in collaboration with the Initiative on Holocaust, Genocide for **Spring Reception** event on *April 25, 2025, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at YMCA*



Lutzer Hall. This event will honor GRID Graduates and CSGGE Award Recipients. Remarks by Dr. [Min Zhan](#), Director of CSGGE at 4:20 p.m. To learn more and register, click [here](#).



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Women in Science Lecture Series, Jennifer Hain Teper: Using plants to understand wetland health** on *May 6, 2025 at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *University Archives (room 146, Main Library)* or *via Zoom* (a link will be emailed to you after registration). The event will feature Jennifer Teper, Head of Preservation Services at the University of Illinois Library, and will discuss how she uses science in her work to conserve library collections and special collections. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more and register please, click [here](#).

Please, click here for CSGGE Master Calendar

CSGGE Student Spotlight



[Mahbubeh Moqadam](#), GRID student, was selected as one of this year's recipients of **The Pat Morey Legacy Award** from the **Women's Resources Center**. The Strive Awards are a celebration of the gender equity work and activism being done by students, faculty, and staff on the Illinois campus. To learn more about the award please, click [here](#). Congratulations, Mahbubeh!

[Asmaa Elsayed](#), GRID student, was selected as one of the recipients of the 2025-2026 Humanities Research Institute Graduate Fellowships. The Humanities Research Institute (HRI) grants Campus Fellowships to Illinois faculty and graduate students, who spend the year engaged in research and writing and participate in the HRI Fellows Seminar. To learn more please, click [here](#). Congratulations, Asmaa!



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CSGGE Alumni Spotlight



Sulagna Chakraborty

Current Position: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Veterinary Clinical Medicine, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

What is the focus of your current work and/or research? At heart I am a disease ecologist and a One Health Practitioner. My research involves understanding behavioral, environmental, social, and climatic factors that drive vector-borne and zoonotic diseases. I am also interested in developing interventions, training, and educational opportunities for a variety of groups who might be at-

risk of contracting vector-borne and zoonotic diseases. Additionally, as part of my postdoctoral work, I have been assisting in the development of a One Health consortium in Illinois for which we organized a state-wide One Health workshop in December 2024 with the goal of conducting a needs assessment of priority areas in Illinois that need to be addressed. We have also been busy working on introducing a bill in Illinois Senate and Illinois House called the One Health Commission Act with the goal of promoting the health and wellbeing of all Illinoisians, animals, and the environment.

How has your GRID minor influenced your career? The GRID minor opened a new perspective for me which has been instrumental in my research and service efforts. I got more interested in pursuing behavioral and socio-demographic aspects of pathogen transmission and diseases after taking the core courses - and listening and participating in the interactions that took place in the courses. It was really nice to see people from so many different backgrounds in the classes and hear them speak about issues that are important to them.

What advice would you offer to current GRID students?: Take advantage of the professors and the students in the courses because it is rare to be exposed to students and faculty from varied backgrounds within your own discipline. The GRID minor is also helpful for those students who are interested in pursuing interdisciplinary and collaborative work in their careers. I wish them all the best!

How can we follow your work on social media? (Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, personal website, etc.): Here are my social handles:

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sulagna-chakraborty-phd-a2329b78/>

ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sulagna-Chakraborty>

Twitter: https://x.com/sulagna_diseco

I have my own blog site where I publish original poetry from time to time mostly in English and Hindi and maybe someday in other languages: <https://sulagnalucidmusings.wordpress.com/>

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CSGGE Faculty Affiliate Spotlight

This is a selection of highlighted publications and presentations for CSGGE faculty affiliates. To learn more, please visit the CSGGE faculty affiliates webpage and click on each scholar's profile to explore their recent scholarly publications, engagements, and academic service.

- **Catalina Herrera Almanza:** Herrera-Almanza, C., Marquez-Padilla, F., & Prina, S. (2024). C-Sections, Obesity, and Healthcare Specialization: Evidence from Mexico. *World Bank Economic Review*, 38(1), 139-160. <https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhad022>
- **Kathryn H Anthony:** Anthony, K. H. (2024). The Meaning and Use of Housing: Unconventional Arrangements. In *The Meaning and Use of Housing: International Perspectives, Approaches and their Applications* (pp. 377-379). Taylor and Francis. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003514978-27>
- **Ikuko Asaka:** Asaka, I. (2024). The endurance and expanse of settler colonial history. *Settler Colonial Studies*, 14(4), 465–469. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2201473X.2024.2371485>
- **Julie L Cidell:** Cidell, J., Kayzar, B., & Rivera, A. P. (2025). Evaluating the productive frictions of Artist-in-Residence programs in departments of transportation. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, 139, Article 104582. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trd.2024.104582>

- **Karen Tabb Dina:** Hoang, T. M. H., Ramirez, X. R., Watkins, D. N., Sbrilli, M. D., Lee, B. A., Hsieh, W. J., Wong, A., Worthington, V. K., & Tabb, K. M. (Accepted/In press). Impact of Racial Bias on Providers' Empathic Communication Behaviors with Women of Color in Postpartum Checkup. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-025-02297-w>
- **Paolo Gardoni:** Sánchez-Silva, M., Gardoni, P., Val, D. V., Yang, D. Y., Frangopol, D. M., Limongelli, M. P., Honfi, D., Acuña, N., & Straub, D. (2025). Moving toward resilience and sustainability in the built environment. *Structural Safety*, 113, Article 102449. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strusafe.2024.102449>
- **Iwona M Jasiuk:** Altamimi, S., Lee, D. W., Barsoum, I., Rowshan, R., Jasiuk, I. M., & Abu Al-Rub, R. K. (2025). Stiffness, strength, anisotropy, and buckling of lattices derived from TPMS and Platonic and Archimedean solids. *Mechanics of Advanced Materials and Structures*, 32(1), 79-106. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15376494.2024.2340066>
- **Hyun-Sook Kang:** Kang, H.-S., & Vigil, J. (Accepted/In press). Decolonizing language education through internationalization: The case of Nahuatl in U.S. institutions of higher education . In V. Tavares, & S. Melo-Pfeifer (Eds.), *The Palgrave handbook of internationalization of language education* Palgrave Macmillan. <https://experts.illinois.edu/en/publications/decolonizing-language-education-through-internationalization-the->
- **Min Zhan:** Sun, K., & Zhan, M. (2024). Cardiovascular disease and preventive care service utilization among midlife adults: The roles of diagnosis and depression. *American Journal of Preventive Cardiology*, 18, Article 100662. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajpc.2024.100662>
- **Ryan Wade:** Wade, R. M., & Piasecki, M. (2025). Whose Role is It Anyway? Sexual Racism and Sexual Positioning Among Young Sexual Minority Black Men. *Journal of Sex Research*, 62(2), 187-198. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2024.2305823>

CSGGE Programs

CSGGE Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor

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 2021, 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.

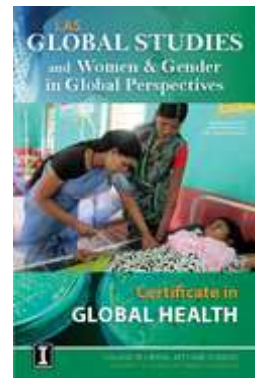
Please, click here to learn more about the GRID Minor

Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Global Gender 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.**

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