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Upcoming CSGGE Events

2025 IGI Career Day

March 28, 2025

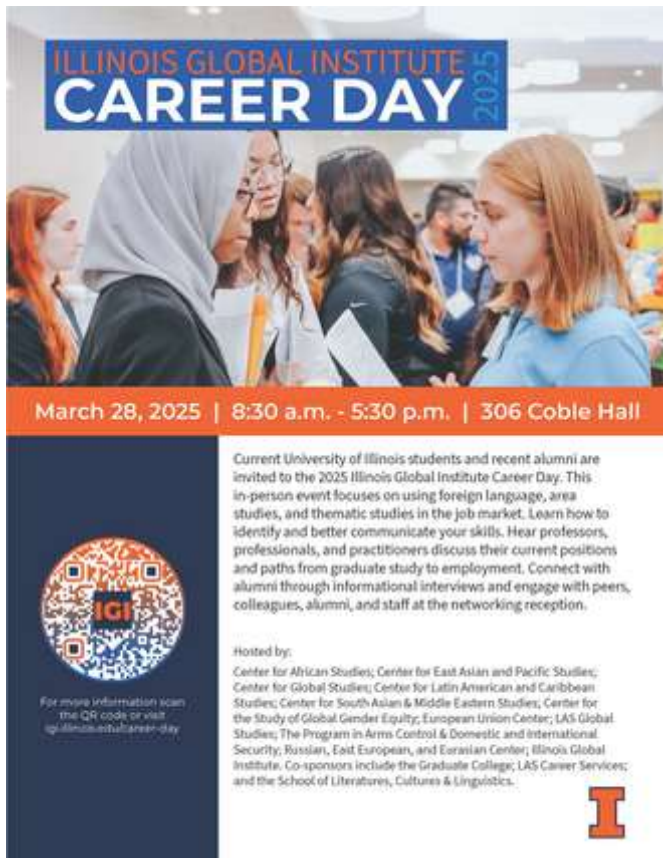
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

306 Coble Hall

Current University of Illinois students and recent alumni are invited to the 2025 Illinois Global Institute Career Day. This in-person event focuses on using foreign language, area studies, and thematic studies in the job market. Learn how to identify and better communicate your skills. Hear professors, professionals, and practitioners discuss their current positions and paths from graduate study to employment. Connect with alumni through informational interviews and engage with peers, colleagues, alumni, and staff at the networking reception.

Schedule and additional details coming soon!

[Click here to registration by March 14th](#)



Spring Panel on Gender and the Economy: Environment, Work, and Care

Thursday, April 3, 2025

3:30-5:00pm

210 Illini Union

Join us for panel featuring:

Mary Arends-Kuenning, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Associate Dean of ACES International Programs

Vernita Pearl Fort, Ecologist, Economist, and Former United States Diplomat; Research Scholar, Illinois Global Institute

McKenzie Johnson, Assistant Professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Elizabeth T. Powers, Associate Professor, Economics Department and Associate Director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs

Moderated by: Min Zhan, Professor, School of Social Work and Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

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

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Gender and the Economy: Environment, Work, and Care
Thursday, April 3rd
3:30-5:00pm
Room 210 Illini Union.

Moderated by Min Zhan
 Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE)

Speakers

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Graduate Student Lunch & Learn:

Publishing on Gender Related Topics

Friday, April 4, 2025 | 12-1pm | 306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street

Lunch available starting at 11:45am with RSVP

Presenters:

Dominique Moore, Illinois Press Acquisitions Editor

Jeff Mcardle, Illinois Press Journals Manager

[Click here for more information and registration](#)



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

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

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

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

CSGGE Co-sponsored Events

LaToya Ruby Frazier: Telling Workers Stories

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | Storytelling Workshop: 5pm-7pm | Dinner: 7pm-9pm

This event is free and open to the public.

Scan QR code for link. *Registration is required*

TELLING WORKERS' STORIES

WITH LATOYA RUBY FRAZIER

"an eloquent storyteller, making visible the landscapes and lives of working people." TIME Magazine

Storytelling Workshop
5pm-7pm
Dinner
7pm-8pm
Tuesday
March 25, 2025
This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.


 Scan to register

UA Local 149
Plumbers & Pipefitters
1003 N Dunlap Ave
Savoy, IL

Sponsors:
East Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council
Illinois AFL-CIO
Champaign County AFL-CIO
Coalition for Labor Union Women - East Central Illinois
Illinois Labor History Society
University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations & School of Art + Design

Frazier is dedicated to telling the stories of workers - miners, healthcare workers, stemworkers, and others.

In this workshop, she will teach Illinois workers how to tell their own stories.

LATOYA RUBY FRAZIER

**Art as Transformation:
Using Photography for Social Change**

March 26, 5-6pm
Plym Auditorium, Temple Buell Hall
*Reception to follow in the Link Gallery School of Art & Design.

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★ Frazier among TIME100's Most Influential People of 2024 ★ 2015 MacArthur Fellowship winner

LaToya Ruby Frazier presents

**Art as Transformation, Using
Photography for Social Change**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Plym Auditorium, Temple Buell Hall

611 E Lorado Taft Dr, Champaign

*Reception in the School of Art and Design Link

Gallery to follow*

408 E Peabody Dr, Champaign

[More Information About Speaker](#)

Ecuadorian Women Defenders of the Amazon: Virtual Talk

CLACS, NRES, CSGGE, CGS, GWS, Department of Anthropology, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, and ACES would like to invite you to the next talk in our series "Women Environmental Defenders and Climate Change in the Amazon".

Ecuadorian Women Defenders of the Amazon: Virtual Talk

**March 27th, 2025,
5:00 - 6:30 pm CST**

Virtual Meeting with simultaneous translation



Salome Aranda
Salome is an Indigenous woman and a human rights defender. She is a guardian and protector of her people's ancestral territories. As a leader of the Kichwa People, she has spearheaded women's resistance against oil extraction in Block 30. She is part of Defensorías de la Selva from the Moretechocha community in Pastaza. Her visionary leadership challenges individuals, institutions, corporations, and governments to decolonize imaginaries about territories like the Amazon and Indigenous peoples.

Zoila Castillo
Zoila is the vice president of the Amazonian Indigenous Parliament of Ecuador and a member of the Kichwa people from the Bobonaza River basin. During the 1990s, she was a leader of the regional Indigenous organization CONFENIAE. She organized the 2013 March of Amazonian Women to demand that the government halt the expansion of the oil frontier in the southern Ecuadorian Amazon in defense of Yasuni National Park and the territory of the isolated Indigenous Tagaeri and Taromenane peoples.

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

Scan to register and join the talk



Join us on March 27th at 5 PM CST

Panelists include:

Salome Aranda: Indigenous Kichwa woman and a human rights defender.

Zoila Castillo: Amazonian Indigenous Parliament of Ecuador and Kichwa member.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with these inspiring leaders and learn about their vital work in the region.

Click here to learn more and register for virtual talk

**FRIDAY FORUM
+ CONVERSATION CAFÉ**

FEBRUARY 7,14,21,28 | MARCH 7,28 | APRIL 4,11,18

  Student Affairs

12-1PM | UNIVERSITY YMCA
1001 S. WRIGHT ST., CHAMPAIGN
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Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, March 28th

Plumas Negras

Speaker: *Juliette Carrillo*, University of Illinois
Department of Theater

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>



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.

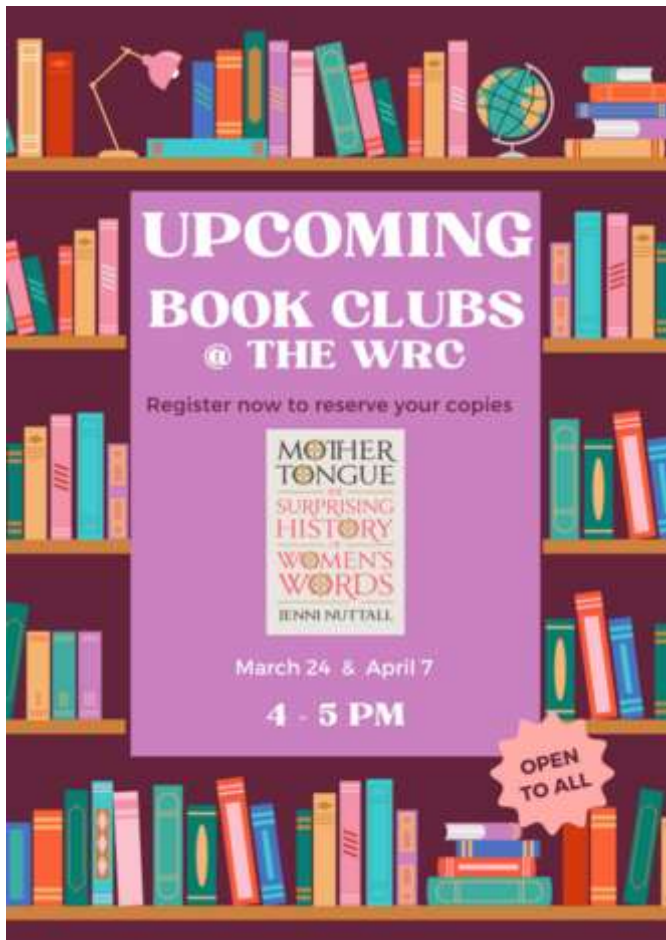
Campus Events

The Women's Resources Center Book Club

Join the staff of the Women's Resources Center as we discuss "[Mother Tongue: The Surprising History of Women's Words](#)", written by Jenni Nuttall. During our conversations, we will examine the history of feminist language and thought, through the evolution of language.

Book description:

Mother Tongue is a historical investigation of feminist language and thought, from the dawn of Old English to the present day. Dr. Jenni Nuttall guides readers through the evolution of words that we have used to describe female bodies, menstruation, women's sexuality, the consequences of male



violence, childbirth, women's paid and unpaid work, and gender. Along the way, she challenges our modern language's ability to insightfully articulate women's shared experiences by examining the long-forgotten words once used in English for female sexual and reproductive organs. Nuttall also tells the story of words like womb and breast, whose meanings have changed over time, as well as how anatomical words such as hysteria and hysterical came to have such loaded legacies. Mother Tongue is a rich, provocative book for anyone who loves language—and for feminists who want to look to the past in order to move forward.

Participants will receive preview chapters in advance of the first meeting and a copy of the book when they attend. All members of the University of Illinois community are invited and encouraged to participate! [Sign up and request a copy of the book.](#)

Monday March 24, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Women's Resources Center | 616 E Green St, Suite #213, Champaign IL 61820

[Click here for full book club schedule](#)

ISCS: Effective Storytelling During Interviews

For international students, job interviews can present unique challenges, especially when adapting to a new culture. This focused workshop will teach you how to craft and deliver compelling stories that highlight your qualifications.

Discover how to:

- Select and structure experiences to highlight your skills, understand the elements of a compelling story, and create narratives that demonstrate cultural adaptability.
- Practice and gain confidence in delivering your stories, receive feedback to refine your approach, and engage interviewers to stand out from other candidates.

Monday, March 24th, 2025, | 5:00 - 6:00pm



BEYOND BORDERS
Migration, Identity, & Black Diasporic Narratives in East Asia

How do Black creatives and professionals navigate life and work in East Asia? Join us for a compelling talk as we examine how Black cultural expression travels across borders, adapts to new contexts, and reshapes conversations around race, belonging, and identity in global diasporic communities.

Date & Time
25 March 2025
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Location
BNAACC | Main Multi-Purpose Room
1212 W. Nevada Street Urbana, IL 61801

Dr. Karen Flynn
Terrance & Karyn Holm Endowed Professor in the Department of Population Health Nursing Science at the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing
Director of the Midwest Nursing History Research Center

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Beyond Borders Migration, Identity, & Black Diasporic Narratives in East Asia

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

12-1pm

**Bruce D. Nesbitt African American
Cultural Center**

Karen Flynn, Terrance & Karyn Holm Endowed
Professor in the Department of Population
Health Nursing Science at the University of
Illinois, Chicago and Director of the Midwest
Nursing History Research Center

[Click here to learn more and register
for talk](#)



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**NATIVE PERSPECTIVES
of Women's History**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25



FEATURING DR. URLA MARCUS
(Northern Cheyenne/Turtle Mountain
Band of Chippewa)
Director of the Center for American Indian
Studies at Black Hills State University

go.illinois.edu/nativewomenshistory

Sponsored by Native American House and the Women's Resources Center
in collaboration with American Indian Studies, Humanities Research
Institute, and Student Affairs Inclusive Excellence

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Women's History Month: Native Perspectives

Women's History Month is an opportunity to highlight the significant roles and leadership positions Native women have historically held within their communities, often with substantial political power, serving as matriarchs, cultural keepers, healers, and vital contributors to tribal economies, a legacy frequently overlooked in mainstream narratives about women's history.

As such, the second program, "Women's History Month: Native Perspectives," will be a moderated discussion involving visiting Indigenous scholar Dr. Urla Marcus (Northern

Cheyenne/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) and Native women at Illinois.

Sponsored by the Native American House and the Women's Resources Center in collaboration with American Indian Studies, Humanities Research Institute and Student Affairs Inclusive Excellence

Women's Resources Center | 616 E Green St, Suite #213, Champaign IL 61820

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 | 12:00 pm

[Click for full Women's History Calendar](#)



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Are you interested in expanding your global connections, working abroad, or learning about funding opportunities for international projects? Join us for an informative session on how Global Relations can assist in facilitating your global partnerships and advancing your international work. Whether you're looking to collaborate with international universities or explore global research opportunities, we're here to support your efforts.

Why you should join us:

1. Learn how to expand your globally network.
2. Discover opportunities to work abroad.
3. Explore funding opportunities.

We hope to see you there!

Time: March 27th, 2025 12-1 PM

Location: School of Social Work | Room 2015

<https://go.illinois.edu/GlobalRelationsandYou>

ABOUT GLOBAL RELATIONS

Global Relations, a unit of Illinois International, facilitates inter-institutional partnerships between Illinois and entities abroad to create an environment where innovation and research seamlessly transcend academic, cultural, and geopolitical boundaries.

Scan the QR code above to visit our website.

Global Relations & You

Thursday, March 27, 2025

12-1pm

School of Social Work, Room 2015

[Click for more information and register for brown bag talk](#)

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.



Certificate in
Global Health

Undergraduate 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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