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Women's History Month

Dear CSGGE Community:

As March brings the fresh breezes of spring, it is a time for us to come together in celebration of Women's History Month, a moment to honor the incredible achievements and contributions of women throughout history and across the world. This annual observance reminds us of the progress we have made as well as the shared responsibility we hold in overcoming challenges in the pursuit of gender equity and women's rights. It is a time for reflection, education, and action.

As highlighted in this newsletter, we invite you to join us for a series of events throughout the month, celebrating the voices, stories, and accomplishments of women from diverse backgrounds and experiences. From uncovering the untold stories of women who have changed the world to a film discussion on Funmilayo Ransom Kuti's story of women's rights activism in Nigeria and a deep dive into women's fight against ovarian cancer, these events will showcase the invaluable contributions of women who have paved the way for progress in our communities, nations, and the world. Special thanks to our colleagues at the Women's Resources Center who have put together the calendar below to showcase the campus events taking place this month.

Thank you for being part of this important celebration!

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[Click to see Women's History Month events taking place on campus](#)

CSGGE Events Happening This Week



Film Discussion

Watch it on Amazon Prime and then join us for the online discussion!

Co-sponsored by the Center for African Studies

Tuesday | March 4 | 6:30-8:00pm CST
via Zoom

Discussion led by: **Adetutu Faburoso**
Ph.D Student in Human Resource Development (HDR) and minor in
Gender Relations and International Development (GRID)

[Click to register for virtual discussion](#)



International Women's Day Celebration

"11 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"

Wednesday | March 5, 2025

3:30pm-5:00pm

Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor



The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) and the Humanities Research Institute (HRI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are co-hosting our fifth annual event, "11 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories" bringing together faculty, staff, students, and community members to recognize people who have made a difference in academia.

The event will feature 11 featured speakers from across our university and community. Each speaker will have 5 minutes to tell the story of a woman who made important contributions to the scholarship, discipline and/or broader academic community life.

Mark your calendars for International Women's Day 2025!

Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity Graduate Forum

March 7 | 12:00-3:00pm CST | via Zoom

Mahbubeh Moqadam, Ph.D. Student, Sociology.

Daheye Hashtadi Women in Iran: Living, Imagining, and Mobilizing in the Online-Offline Nexus

Discussant: Dr. Tara Powell | Professor, School of Social Work

Fatou Jobe, Ph.D Student, Sociology.

Blue Justice and Gender Justice: Exploring the Impact of Fishmeal Factories on Women in the Senegambia

Discussant: Dr. Teresa Barnes | Professor, History

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

GRID GRADUATE FORUM
 Friday, March 7th 12-3pm CST via Zoom



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 Victim-blaming and Fertile Grounds for Murdering Women:
 Investigating Opposing Publics, Egyptian Feminicide and Macabre
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 Organization, and Leadership**
 Exploring Vulnerability: A Glimpse into Researching Sensitive
 Topics with Vulnerable Women as a Vulnerable Researcher
Discussant: Samantha Lindgren
 Assistant Professor, College of Education



**Marwah Malik, Ph.D. Student, Urban and Regional
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 #SolidarityNotCharity: Reading grassroots praxis as
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Please RSVP to
<https://go.illinois.edu/GraduateForum>
 or Scan QR Code



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Click to register for virtual forum

Click to view full calendar of events

CSGGE Co-sponsored Events

Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, March 7th

Defending Immigrants under a Trump Administration: An Immigrant Advocate's Perspective

Speaker: Diana Rashid, Berkeley Public Interest Law Fellow and Attorney, National Immigrant
 Justice Center, in conversation with current **La Colectiva** students,



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>



Lecture Series

Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 12pm CST

Speaker: Dr. Suneeti Jog, Associate Research Scientist in the Wetland Science Program at the Prairie Research Institute

Dr. Jog, Associate Research Scientist in the Wetland Science Program at the Prairie Research Institute will present "Using plants to understand wetland health."

Please note this lecture will be hybrid - you can either attend in person in the University Archives (room 146, Main Library) or via Zoom (a link will be emailed to you after registration)

[Click for registration link](#)

LaToya Ruby Frazier: Telling Workers Stories

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

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-9pm
Tuesday
March 25, 2025
This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.



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, immigrants, and others.

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

This event is free and open to the public.

Scan QR code for link. *Registration is required*



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

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](#)

Campus Events

**Diplomacy of the Heart: Soviet and American Women's Cold-War
Correspondence**



Sponsored by Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center; European Union Center; Department of History

March 6th, 2025 | 4:00 pm

Speaker: **Alexis Peri** is author of *The War Within: Diaries from the Siege of Leningrad*, winner of the Pushkin House Book Prize and named in the Wall Street Journal as one of the ten best books on the Soviet home front. She is Associate Professor of History at Boston University.

In a compelling new perspective on the early Cold War, prizewinning historian Alexis Peri explores correspondence between American and Soviet women in the late 1940s and 1950s. Previously unexamined, the women's letters movingly demonstrate the power of the personal, as the pen pals engaged in a

"diplomacy of the heart" that led them to question why their countries were so divided. Both Soviet and American women faced a patriarchal backlash after World War II that marginalized them professionally and politically. The pen pals discussed common challenges they faced, such as unequal pay and the difficulties of balancing motherhood with a career. Each side grew in curiosity about the other's world, asking questions about family and marriage, work conditions, educational opportunities, and religion. The women advocated peace and cooperation but at times disagreed strongly over social and economic issues, such as racial segregation in the United States and forced labor in the Soviet Union.

Protest in a Post-Political Era

March 7, 9:00am - 5:15pm

This conference will be held at the Spurlock Museum Knight Auditorium. Organized by the Unit for Criticism with the co-sponsorship of the Spurlock Museum, the conference explores what is at stake in political protests, addressing the history, mechanism, and goals of political protest, looking at it from the various perspectives of ethics, efficacy, communication, strategy, solidarity, public policy, parliamentary channels, and law.

[Click for more information](#)

Protest in the Post-Political Era

March 7 2025

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Reception at 5:15 p.m.

Knight Auditorium
600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL 61801

Co-Sponsor: Spaullock Museum

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Protest:
a peaceful act of solidarity expressed through speech or a form of turbulent and deliberately disruptive resistance in which the bodily presence of the protesters makes a powerful demand for political change.

Post-Political:
the idea that societies no longer govern by explicit political discourses and political instruments, but by subtle coercive constellations of representational regimes.

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Asef Bayat
Sociology
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Cristobal Bianchi
Art & Design
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Christina Foust
Communication Studies
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Richard Gilman-Opasky
Politics and International Affairs
University of Illinois Springfield

Juan González
Great Cities Institute
University of Illinois Chicago

Sara Safransky
Human and Org. Development
Vanderbilt University

Ashwini Vasanthakumar
Law & Philosophy
Queen's University Ontario

Ekow Yankah
Law School
University of Michigan

UNIT FOR CRITICISM AND INTERPRETIVE THEORY

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

SMAART Symposium: Climate Justice and Climate Futures

Sponsored by European Union Center; Center for Advanced Study

March 7th, 2025 - March 8th, 2025 | All Day

What does it mean to imagine and implement climate justice? This interdisciplinary symposium is driven by the urgent need for a range of interventions and tools: critique, experimentation, imagination, pragmatics and policy. Bringing together thinkers from Europe and the U.S., speakers explore climate, energy, and infrastructure across networked urban and regional scales: from city to region to nation to planet. The symposium stages a conversation among scholars and practitioners who too rarely are in conversation but have much to learn from each other. The symposium is made possible by the European Union Center's funding as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence through the project "SMAART: Sustainable Methods for Adapting and Adopting Regional Technologies." It is generously co-sponsored by the Climate | Change Research Initiative at the Center for Advanced Study at UIUC.

Final schedule and more information (talk titles, abstracts, and bios) can be seen [here](#). Questions and requests for disability accommodation can be directed to EU Center RA Kelsi Quick at

kelsiq2@illinois.edu

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Levis Center 210

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Presenters

Chloe Ahmann (Anthropology, Cornell University)	Græma MacDonald (English, University of Warwick)
Gretchen Bakke (Anthropology, Humboldt University, IRI THESSy)	Rebecca Oh (English, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
John Levi Barnard (English, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)	Valentina Ortol (Urban Planning, University of Bologna Municipality of Bologna)
Lauren Becker (City of Carbondale)	Omar Perez Figueroa (Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
Aklima Brackeen (Architecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)	Matt Soener (Sociology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
Nina Idemudia (Center for Neighborhood Technologies, Chicago)	Jorge Martin Sainz de los Terreros (Architecture, Humboldt University)
McKenzie Johnson (Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)	Scott Tess (City of Urbana)
Andy Jones (Human Geography, University of Hull)	Rebecca Walker (Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
James Jones (English, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)	

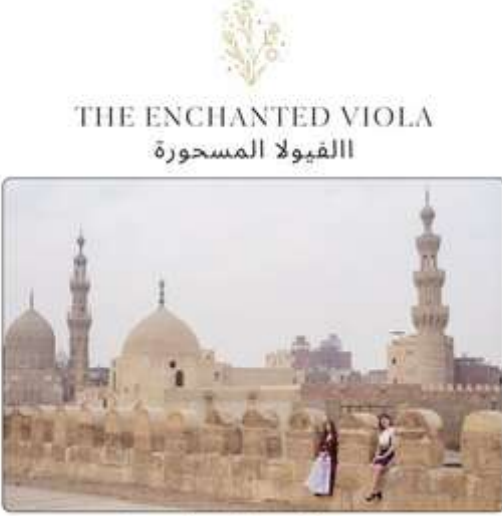
For more information, contact EU Center RA Katal Gulich, at kating2@illinois.edu

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Viola al-Mashura (*The Enchanted Viola*)

March 9, 2025, at 3:30 PM in Smith Recital Hall at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

a unique concert celebrating the fusion of Egyptian and Western classical music



THE ENCHANTED VIOLA
القِيُولَا الْمَشْهُورَة

Sunday, March 9 2025
Smith Recital Hall
3:30PM

This event is sponsored in part by the Illinois International Programs (IIP) Internationally-Themed Event Grant and the Center for Global Studies program through grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI grant program.

This program, performed by violist Christina Ebersohl and pianist Melissa Terrall, brings together iconic Egyptian classical works and Western compositions, showcasing the beauty of musical diversity. The concert marks the conclusion of an international tour spanning Switzerland and Egypt and features two world premieres by distinguished composers **Sherif Mohie Eldin** and **Marek Woods-Harris**. At its heart, *The Enchanted Viola* is a celebration of cultural dialogue and the power of music to unite.

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.**

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