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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

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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.

Thank you for being part of this important celebration!

Min Zhan

## Women's History Month

To celebrate Women's History Month, the [Women's Resources Center](#) has curated a selection of *campus* events. Here, we will feature a few highlights. For the full list of events, please click [here](#).

- [Food for the Soul, Black Joy and Resistance: A Womanist Panel Discussion](#) on March 5 at 12:00 pm
- [Inclusivity at Work: Discovering and Building Inclusive Workplaces](#) on March 5 at 6:00 pm
- [Unbreakable Threads: Sewing Connections](#) on March 7 at 2:00 pm
- [Food for the Soul, The Essence of 6: Six Women Who Molded the Arts](#) on March 12 at 12:00 pm
- [Dish It Up/Lunch on Us, Highlighting the Contributions of Women](#) on March 24 at 12 pm
- [Book Club: "Mother Tongue: The Surprising History of Women's Words"](#) on March 24 at 4:00 pm
- [Native Perspectives of Women's History](#) on March 25 at 12:00 pm
- [Howasteya Oyuspapi: Capturing Their Good Voices](#) on March 25 at 5:30 pm
- [Dish It Up/Quench/Lunch on Us: De-gendering Periods](#) on March 31 at 12:00 pm
- [Shades of Teal: Women and the Fight Against Ovarian Cancer](#) on March 31 at 6:00 pm

## Upcoming Events



Join the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies for the **LAC Women Justice Series, Embroideries of War: Salvadoran Women Refugees' Memories of Care** on *March 3, 2025, at 3:00 pm at Coble Hall (Room 306), 801 S Wright St. Champaign IL 61801*. This talk explores the embroideries created by women who fled the Salvadoran Civil War, highlighting how care and solidarity endure amidst devastation. Featuring [María José Méndez Gutiérrez](#) an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. Her book project examines the gendered political economy of transnational gang violence in

Central America. To learn more, click [here](#).

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and the Illinois Global Institute for a Film Discussion on **Funmilayo Ransom Kuti** on *Tuesday, March 4, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm CST via Zoom*. Watch the film on Amazon Prime, then participate in the online discussion led by Adetutu Faburoso, a Ph.D. student in Human Resource Development (HDR) with a minor in Gender Relations and



International Development (GRID). This event is co-sponsored by the Center for African Studies. To register for the event please, click [here](#).

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY  
AND THE HUMANITIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
present

**"11 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"**

**International Women's Day**  
March 5, 2025  
3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Levi's Faculty Center, Third Floor

**Speakers:**

- Robert Chutkan-Egbe** (Dean, Graduate College)
- Dr. Michael Osoff** (Dean and Director, Graduate College; Professor of History and African Studies)
- Dr. T. J. Williams** (Associate Professor, History)
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**Co-sponsored by Women's Resources Center, Department of Gender and Women's Studies**

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) and the Humanities Research Institute (HRI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the seventh annual event, **11 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories**.

Celebrating **International Women's Day**, the event will feature 11 speakers from across our university and local community, each sharing a story of a woman who made significant contributions to scholarship, their discipline, and/or the broader academic community. The event will take place on *March 5, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at Levi's Faculty Center, Third Floor*. It is co-sponsored by the Women's Resources Center and the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. To learn more, click [here](#).

New Directions in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

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

**Alexis Peri**  
Associate Professor of History,  
Boston University

1066 Lincoln Hall  
702 S. Wright St.,  
Urbana, IL 61801

Thursday  
March 6, 2025  
4:00 PM CST

**ILLINOIS**

**Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center**

**European Union Center**

**Department of History**

Join the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, the European Union Center, and the Department of History for a lecture titled **Diplomacy of the Heart: Soviet and American Women's Cold-War Correspondence** on *March 6, 2025, at 4:00 pm at 1066 Lincoln Hall, 702 S Wright St, Urbana, IL 61801*. Featuring [Alexis Peri](#), an Associate Professor of History, Boston University, the speaker 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. To learn more, click [here](#).



## CSGGE Graduate Forum, March 7 | 12:00-3:00 pm 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
- **Nehal Elmeligy, Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology:** Victim-blaming and Fertile Grounds for Murdering Women: Investigating Opposing Publics, Egyptian Feminicide and Macabre Masculinity, Discussant: Dr. Isabel Molina-Guzman | Professor, Communication and Latina/Latino Studies
- **Marwah Malik, Ph.D. Student, Urban and Regional Planning:** #SolidarityNotCharity: Reading grassroots praxis as transformative, Discussant: Dr. Charles Fogelman | Teaching Assistant Professor, LAS Global Studies
- **Asmaa Elsayed, Ph.D. Student, Educational Policy, 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



Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for a co-sponsored **Friday Forum and Conversation Café**, titled **Defending Immigrants Under a Trump Administration: An Immigrant Advocate's Perspective** on *March 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *1001 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820*. Featuring Diana Rashid, Berkeley Public Interest Law Fellow and Attorney at the National Immigrant Justice, in conversation with current La Colectiva students. 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 **Women in Science Lecture Series, March Lecture: Using plants to understand wetland health** on *March 13, 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. Suneeti Jog, Associate Research Scientist in the Wetland Science Program at the Prairie Research Institute. A free lunch will be provided. To learn more and register please, click [here](#).





Join the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a sponsored storytelling workshop, "**Telling Workers' Stories**," featuring [Latoya Ruby Frazier](#), on *Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm*. A dinner will follow from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more details, please refer to the event poster and scan the QR code to register.



Join the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a sponsored event titled "**Art as Transformation: Using Photography for Social change**" featuring [Latoya Ruby Frazier](#), on *Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Plym Auditorium, Temple Hoyne Buell Hall (611 E Lorado Taft Dr, Champaign IL)*. A reception will follow at the Link Gallery, School of Art & Design. 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**, titled **Plumas Negras by Juliette Carrillo** on *March 28, 2025, at 12:00 pm*. The event will be held at *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 for a co-hosted panel titled **What Now, Focus on Women and Gender in the New Era** on *April 7, 2025, from 5:15 - 6:45 pm, 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](#).



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

Please, click here for CSGGE Master Calendar

## CSGGE Student Spotlight

Mahbubeh Moqadam, a GRID student, was recently invited to speak with a research group of women in Virginia about her latest publication, ***“A Decolonial Feminist Inquiry into Women’s Agency in the Urban Landscape in 19th-Century Iran.”*** Additionally, she has been elected as a new member of the **Graduate Student Committee of the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies**. This prestigious association is a leading authority in the study of women and gender across



the Middle East, North Africa, and transnational and diasporic communities in Europe, North America, and South America.



On February 14th, 2025, Kshitij Tewari, a GRID student, delivered a presentation titled ***"Nature-based Recreation and Biopsychosocial Resilience in LGBTQ+ Individuals,"*** at the ***"Spaces of Nature, Natures of Space"*** Symposium, organized by graduate students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Tewari also published an article on the Elsevier website titled ***"International Graduate Students' Perspectives on Sense of Belonging in Leisure."*** To read his article please, click [here](#).



On February 14th, 2025, Aysenur Senel, a GRID student, presented her paper titled ***"The Ottoman Harem: Horizontal and Vertical Receptions Between the 16th and 19th Centuries"*** at the ***"Spaces of Nature, Natures of Space"*** Symposium, organized by graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

## CSGGE Alumni Spotlight

***Dr. Zakia Salime***

**What is the focus of your current work and/or research?** I am an Associate Professor (WGSS and Sociology) at Rutgers University. My research and publications encompass a wide range of





interests including urban youth protests and music, Islamophobia, war and racial politics in the U.S.

**How has your GRID minor helped you in your career?** I was honored to be part of the GRID minor, the courses, the connections and life time, friendships were essential to my career. I received most of my internal funding through GRID and built a network of scholars who later became my readers and letter writers.

**Do you have any advice or suggestions for current GRID Students?** To current students, I would say first that their choice to be affiliated with GRID is already a choice that will change

their outlook on gender issues by grounding it in an international dimension and that this choice will make them much more attractive on a difficult job market.

**How can we learn more about your work?** [Academic Profile](#)

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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.

### Flavia Cristina Drumond Andrade

- Professors Flavia Andrade (School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Nekehia Quashie (University of Rhode Island) will lead a study funded by the World Health Organization to quantify unmet social care needs among older adults in the Americas. As the region experiences rapid population aging, disparities in socioeconomic development and cultural approaches to caregiving present significant challenges. While North America benefits from more robust social welfare systems, many Latin American and Caribbean countries rely heavily on family-based care, often with limited resources. Using publicly available datasets, the study will estimate social care gaps across multiple countries, providing insights to inform policies that address growing care demands and improve quality of life for older adults.

### Julie Gaillard



- “‘Je te crois’ (I believe you): Pragmatics of a Feminist Slogan, or Silencing and the Scene of Address in Post-#metoo France,” *European Journal of Cultural Studies*, Volume 27.5: 965-984, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13675494231199951>

## Mahruq Khan

- Winter 2025 Media Fellow, Sacred Writes- Public Scholarship on Religion (funded by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation)

## Sandraluz Lara-Cinisomo

- Edited Book: [An Integrated Approach to Perinatal Depression and Anxiety in Spanish-Speaking and Latina Women](#)

## Samantha Anne Lindgren

- Lindgren, S. (2024). Sociocultural determinants of electric cooking in rural Namibia: Recommendations for youth and educational approaches to implementation strategy and policy. *Energy Policy*, 187, 114015.
- Mozumdar, L., Lindgren, S., Tasnim, N., & Farid, K. S. (2024). Patterns, Process, and Socioeconomic Impacts of Smallholders' Agro-machinery-Based Entrepreneurship in Bangladesh. *De Gruyter Handbook of Poverty, Disadvantage and Entrepreneurship*, 513

## Emily E. LB. Twarog

- “More Black and Latina women are leading unions – and transforming how they work,” AP News, October 6, 2024
- “Thank goodness for them”: Black History Month honors labor leaders amid Trump rollbacks, USA Today, February 7, 2025
- Professor Twarog was quoted in an article titled “*Trump’s Labor Department pick has union support. Worker advocates wonder how much power she’d have*” by Cathy Bussewitz, published by AP News on February 19, 2025. The article discusses the confirmation hearings of former Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer for Secretary of Labor and explores concerns regarding her ability to advocate for workers in a Trump administration, despite claims of being “pro-labor.” Professor Twarog’s quote appears at the conclusion of the piece. To learn more, click [here](#).

## Ann-Perry Witmer

- CI MED Teaching Professor Ann-Perry Witmer has been selected for the Fulbright Specialist international exchange program to help guide the implementation of project-based learning at Haute Ecole Louvain en Hainaut (HELHA), a university in Belgium. Witmer was chosen for her expertise in both engineering and the project-based learning (PBL) approach to education, a cornerstone of CI MED’s engineering-based medical curriculum. PBL learning challenges students to identify real-world problems and design solutions. To learn more, click [here](#).

To learn more about CSGGE Faculty Spotlight, click here

## 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](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu) or by phone at 333-6221.

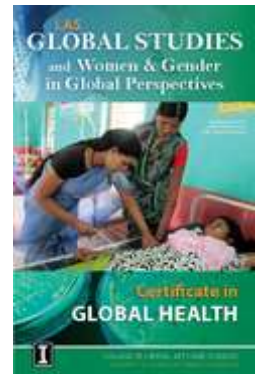
Please, click here to learn more about the GRID Minor

### 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.**

Please, click here to learn more about the Undergraduate Certificate



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