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Upcoming CSGGE Events

Book Discussion

Please join us for a book discussion on, “Data Feminism” by Catherine D'Ignazio and Lauren Klein. The book discussion will be led by GRID Students Mahbubeh Moqadam and Marwah Malik.

February 26, 2025 (Wednesdays) from 2:00-3:30pm CST via Zoom

Need a copy of the book? We have complimentary copies available so please request during registration so you can pick one up while supplies last.

Know others that might be interested? This is open to all campus students so please share information.

[Click to sign up for book discussion and free book copy](#)

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

Graduate Book Discussion

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Data Feminism
 Catherine D'Ignazio and Lauren F. Klein

Wednesday, Feb 26th,
 from 2:00-3:30pm CST via Zoom
 Register and Request at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1134466534>

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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



I Co-sponsored by Women's Resources Center, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

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!



GRID GRADUATE FORUM

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



Please RSVP to
<https://go.illinois.edu/GraduateForum>
or Scan QR Code



For more information contact Anita Kaiser arkaiser@illinois.edu

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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

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

[Click to register for virtual forum](#)

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

CSGGE Co-sponsored Events

Comportments of Kurdish Pleasure: Interjecting Leisure as a Necessary Archive

A lecture by Dr. Stanley I Thangaraj



James E. Hayden Chair for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, & Social Justice, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology (Stonehill College)

Monday, February 24

3:00-4:30 PM

Davenport Hall 230

Co-hosted by:

Center for Global Studies, Department of Anthropology, Education Policy, Organization & Leadership, Forum on the Future of Public Education, the Humanities Research Institute, Health & Kinesiology, Interdisciplinary Sport Studies Research Cluster, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Department of Recreation, Sport & Tourism, and Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity.

Comportments of Kurdish Pleasure: Interjecting Leisure as a Necessary Archive

Dr. Stan Thangaraj, Stonehill College

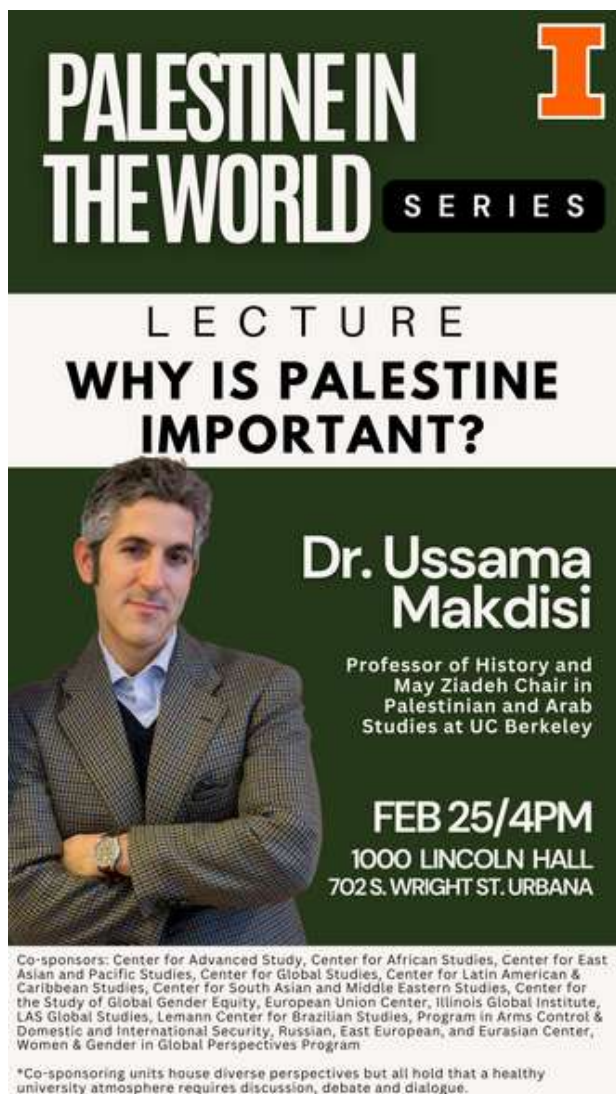
February 24, 2025

3-4:30pm

Davenport Hall Room 230

Hosted by the HRI Interdisciplinary Sport Studies Research cluster in conjunction with the following partners:

Humanities Research Institute; EPOL Forum on the Futures of Public Education; Department of Anthropology; Center for Global Studies; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center; Recreation, Sport & Tourism; and the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity



Palestine in the World Series

presents

"Why is Palestine Important?"

Dr. Ussama Makdisi, UC Berkeley

Feb 25, 2025

4:00 pm

1000 Lincoln Hall

28th Annual Daniel S. Sanders Peace & Social Justice Lecture

WHY REFUGEE-LED ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEADING CHANGE PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE LECTURE

Guest Lecturer: Mr. Robert Hakiza, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Young African Refugees for Integral Development (YARID)

February 26, 2025

12-3:15pm

Hilton Garden Inn, 1501 S Neil St, Champaign, IL

Moderator: Dr. Tara Powell

[Click to Registration](#)

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February 26th, 2025
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1501 S Neil St, Champaign, IL
12-1pm Lecture
1-2pm Lunch
2:15-3:15pm Panel Discussion on
Refugee and Global Research
Moderator: Dr. Tara Powell

Robert Hakiza is a refugee from Congo
living in Uganda since 2008. He holds a
degree in Agriculture from the Catholic
University of Bukavu (DRC), and he's the
co-founder and executive director of the
Young African Refugees for Integral
Development (YARID). He is also one of the
founders of the Refugee-Led Organization
Network. He has experience working with
urban refugees and also works to educate
others about obstacles refugees face. In
2013, Hakiza worked as an assistant
researcher with Oxford's Humanitarian
Innovation Project. He is a TED Fellow
and an Aspen New Voices Fellow 2017.

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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**Brazilian Women Defenders of the
Amazon: Virtual Talk**

**February 27rd, 2025,
3 - 4:30 pm CST**
**Virtual Meeting with simultaneous
translation**



Laiane Santos
Laiane is a young environmental activist, feminist, and human rights defender from Brasília, Acre. She is involved in multiple initiatives, including serving as a communicator for the Rural Workers' Union, training secretary at CUT, a volunteer at the Chico Mendes Committee, and the president of the Varidouro Collective. Her work aims to drive social and environmental change, ensuring access to knowledge and a dignified life for all. She sees herself as a voice for those fighting for a more just world and the preservation of the forest.

Bruna Picanço Neves
Bruna is a young woman involved in the Rural Education Movement and the Quilombola Movement in the state of Amapá, Brazil. She is a trained Agricultural Technician, holds a degree in Agricultural Sciences, and is currently pursuing a master's in Education at PPGE-UNIFAP. She works at the Pacu Agricultural Family School (EFAP), supporting young people, men and women from rural, riverside, and forest communities in the Amazon. Additionally, she is an active leader in her community.

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

Scan to register
and join the talk



Brazilian Women Defenders of the Amazon: Virtual Talk

February 27th at 3 PM CST

Panelists include:

Laiane Santos (Activist, feminist, and human rights defender of Acre)

Bruna Picanço Neves (Member of the Rural Education Movement and the Quilombola Movement from Amapá)

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

[Click to Register](#)

Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, February 28th



Breaking Chains, Building Communities: The Story of the AME Church

Speaker: Rev. Terrance Thomas, Bethel AME Church

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>

Campus Events



"Essential Care"

Thursday, Feb. 27 7:30pm
Levis Faculty Center, Room 422

Kalindi Vora

Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Yale University

Centering narratives of illness and healing, Vora explores what care could be, even as mainstream medicine participates in encouraging healthy and abled people to think they can avoid vulnerability through individual effort and 'fitness.' In reality, as disability justice advocates argue, and as Covid-19 among other epidemics of chronic illness illustrate, chronic illness is a question of timeline, not fit versus unfit. Taking an approach informed by the history of feminist science theory and practice, Vora's project elaborates the need for an approach to care that is informed by the unique knowledge held by people with chronic and hard-to-diagnose conditions.

Event supported by Daniel Shin (LAS '91)

[Click for full event details](#)

The Art of (Be)longing: Queer Love Poetry, Literature & Media

Thursday, February 27, 2:30-3:30 pm at GSRC (616 E. Green St. Suite 202, Champaign, IL 61820)

Curated for celebrating Black queer students during Black History Month

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/artofbelonging>

In this workshop, participants will delve into the depths of relationships, from platonic bonds to romantic rendezvous.

Through guided exercises and collaborative discussions, we will unearth the nuances of identity, desire, and connection. Join us as we share some of our own favorite love stories, read a few example poems, view some movie clips, and craft love poetry and letters for our own beloveds!

Partnered with BNAACC, "The Creative Writing Program and Robert J. Katherin Carr Visiting Author Series", and The Department of Gender & Women Studies

Revolutionary Voices: Open Mic

GUEST SPEAKER
MIKEY CODY APOLLO



Mikey Cody Apollo (she/they) is a self-published Black queer woman writer, educator, filmmaker and spoken word artist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This past October, Apollo presented a workshop at the 2024 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference (MBLGTACC) titled, "The Art of (Be)longing: Queer Love Poetry, Literature, and Media" which centered queer expressions of love via literature and media that invited students to write their own love poems."

Join us for a fun night of performances dedicated to celebrating Black queerness within Black History Month. We are welcoming students to perform all forms of talent such as rapping, singing, spoken word, dance etc. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, February 27th
6 to 8 PM at BNAACC
1212 W Nevada St, Urbana, IL 61801

GSRC
Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

Revolutionary Voices: Open Mic and Performance by Mikey Cody Apollo

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CALLING ALL REVOLUTIONARY VOICES



The Gender & Sexuality Resource Center will be hosting a **Poetry Performance & Open Mic** event with special guest speaker and poet **Mikey Cody Apollo** on February 27th from 6-8pm at BNAACC!

We're asking for poets, rappers, and singers to share their talents in honor of Black History Month! This opportunity is open for performers of all ages and experience levels to showcase their original work. Please fill out this form if you are willing to participate!

For more information, contact Chris Schlarb
(cschlarb@illinois.edu)

Register here!

<https://tinyurl.com/GSRCopenmic>



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Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

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IN-PERSON SKY HAPPINESS RETREAT

February 28 - March 02
Friday: 6 pm - 9 pm CST
Sat & Sun: 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm CST

A weekend retreat filled with an evidence-based meditation, powerful breathwork practices, social connection, self-development and stress-management skills which bring calm, clarity and happiness

 Nina Sanyal
Visiting Instructor

Register at tinyurl.com/skyuiucfeb

QR code

Fully funded for UIUC students. Limited seats available.

MENTAL HEALTH, MEDITATION, SECRETS OF BREATH, YOGA, COMMUNITY

SKY Happiness Retreat

The SKY Happiness Retreat is an internationally acclaimed life-skills program that helps participants develop a relaxed, stress-free mind and an energetic, healthy body. The retreat teaches tools such as evidence-based meditation, yoga, breathwork, and self-exploration in a fun and an experiential format. Join us on campus for a detox-weekend! Fully funded for all UIUC students.

**On Campus | February 28th (Fri): 6pm - 9pm CT,
March 1st and 2nd (Sat and Sun): 12pm - 4.30pm CT**

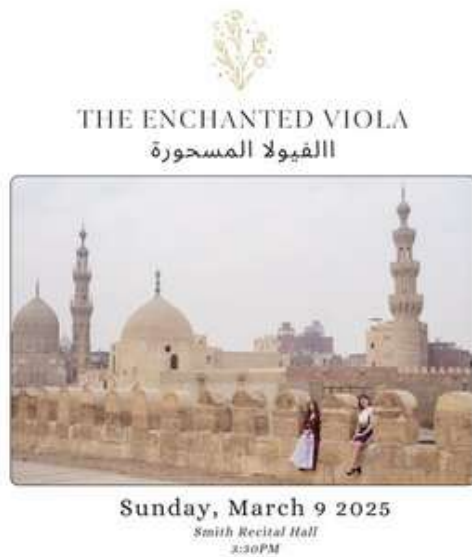
[Click to Register](#)

Viola al-Mashura (*The Enchanted Viola*)

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

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.

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



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.

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](#)

Beinecke Scholarship

The Beinecke Scholarship offers a merit- and need-based award for U.S. juniors planning to pursue a graduate degree (PhD or MFA) in the arts, humanities, or social sciences. Eligible applicants must have received need-based financial aid at UIUC. The scholarship provides \$5,000 before graduate school and \$30,000 during graduate studies.

To apply, students must demonstrate strong intellectual ability, academic achievement, and personal promise, with a focus on a broad range of coursework. Professional degrees like law or business are not competitive.

For application tips, attend the informational sessions and workshops:

The campus application deadline is February 24, 2025, at noon.

For more details, contact topscholars@illinois.edu or visit the website <https://beineckescholarship.org/>

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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