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Upcoming CSGGE Events

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 12 and 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](#)

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Graduate Book Discussion

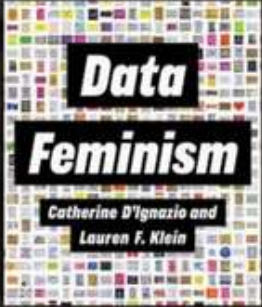
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 Register and Request at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1134466534>


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A DISCUSSION ON PERIOD POVERTY & GLOBAL COLLABORATION



FEBRUARY 13 • 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM • UNIVERSITY YMCA • LATZER HALL

SPONSORING UNIT
 Department of Journalism in the College of Media
 Center for Advanced Study
 Illinois International
 Humphrey Research Institute

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP!



Uman Tok: A Discussion on Period Poverty and Global Collaboration

February 13th 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Latzer Hall | University YMCA

Join us for a discussion on global collaboration and period poverty as we come together to watch the trailer for the compelling documentary *Uman Tok: Tailoring Hope, Renewing Futures*, which sheds light on the critical issue of period poverty in Sierra Leone. Set against the backdrop of a post-civil war nation, the film highlights the resilience of young girls battling the stigma surrounding menstruation while also calling attention to a local, grassroots NGO (*Uman Tok*) that facilitates health awareness, education, and sustainability of feminine healthcare. The event will also feature a short talk by the film's director, Professor Stretch Ledford, a panel discussion with partners from

Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone and University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom, information tables hosted by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and the student organization 'Code Red', as well as

a virtual reality exhibit where attendees can use state-of-the-art virtual reality headsets to enter an immersive experience of Uman Tok's tailoring shop in Freetown.

The film is produced by students and faculty in the University of Illinois Department of Journalism in the College of Media in collaboration with the University of Birmingham (UK) and Fourah Bay College in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Attendees are encouraged to donate one or more period products to 'Code Red' for distribution to women and girls in Central Illinois.

[Click for more information and to RSVP](#)

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

"12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"

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



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International Women's Day Celebration

"12 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, "12 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 12 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!

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

CSGGE Co-sponsored Events



Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, February 14th

Speaker: Saskia Brechenmacher, Carnegie Fellow in Democracy, Conflict and Governance, with focuses on Gender and Civil Society

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>

Roundtable on

“The End of U.S. Foreign Aid?”

Friday, February 14, 2025

306 Coble Hall

3:00-4:30pm

Richard Clark, University of Notre Dame

Rana Khoury, University of Illinois

Cleo O'Brien-Udry, University of Illinois

Matthew Winters, University of Illinois



Speakers:



Richard Clark
Notre Dame



Rana Khoury
University of Illinois



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Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, Russian, East European, & Eurasian Center, The Program in Arms Control & Domestic & International Security



Women in Science Lecture Series

We are delighted to have **Krystiana Krupa**, NAGPRA Senior Program Officer, as our first speaker of the Spring 2025 semester! Please join us on **Tuesday, February 18, 12:00-1:00 pm Central** for Krystiana Krupa's talk on documenting Ancestors' remains and cultural items, researching their relationship to Tribal communities, and facilitating repatriation.

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.

February 18th from 12 - 1:00PM at the University Archives, [Main Library Room 146](#) or via Zoom

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

2025 Women and Gender History Symposium

Join us for the 23rd Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium: Gender and the Law, featuring graduate research and keynote speakers Dr. Neil J. Young (Historian, Writer, and Podcaster) and Dr. Laura Goffman (Professor of History, U of I). This will be a hybrid event.

Department of History, see the website for a full list of co-sponsors

Thursday, February 20th – Saturday, February 22nd, 2025

[Symposium Registration Form](#)

23rd Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium

GENDER, LAW, AND POLITICS

Featuring graduate research and keynote speakers





NEIL J. YOUNG
Historian, Writer, and Podcaster



LAURA GOFFMAN
Assistant Professor of History at UIUC

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FEBRUARY 20-22, 2025

LEVIS 210, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (HYBRID FORMAT)

Learn more here: 

REGISTER HERE:





EALC/CEAPS ALUMNI BOOK TALK

"Feminists, Lesbians, and Queer Manga Artists and Fans Rethinking 'Women' in 1970s - 1980s Japan"

SPEAKER
JAMES WELKER
CROSS - CULTURAL & JAPANESE STUDIES
KANAGAWA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

**FRIDAY, FEB 21
1PM - 2:30PM**

Hybrid Event:
Lucy Ellis Lounge & ZOOM

 Rivers Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

Feminists, Lesbians, and Queer Manga Artists and Fans: Rethinking 'Women' in 1970s–1980s Japan

CEAPS is organizing a visit and talk to campus by James Welker, Professor at Kanagawa University and a UIUC alum. His research and writing examine gender and sexuality in postwar and contemporary Japan as well as the global spread of Japanese popular culture.

Friday, February 21, 1-2:30 pm

Lucy Ellis Lounge and Virtual

[Click to register for talk](#)

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**

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**WHY REFUGEE-LED
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FOREFRONT OF LEADING CHANGE**

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

February 26th, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn
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.

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February 26, 2025

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Moderator: Dr. Tara Powell

[Click to Registration](#)

Campus Events

Legal Briefing on Immigration and Undocumented Student Support

hosted by The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

New federal policy and legal changes may impact undocumented, DACA, TPS, asylee and mixed-status students in higher education. What exactly do these proposed changes mean, and how can we best support undocumented members of our campus community? Join Gioconda Guerra Pérez, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and Undocumented Student Support Liaison, and Lauren Aronson, Professor and Director of the College of Law Immigration Law Clinic, and representatives from the University of Illinois Police Department for a webinar on federal legal updates and campus resources.

Feb 10, 2025 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm

[Register to Attend Webinar](#)

Building Inclusive Tech with the Global South

Dr. Payal Arora, University of Utrecht

February 11th, 2025

12 PM via Zoom (click button below to register)



**DR. PAYAL ARORA OF
UTRECHT UNIVERSITY**

Online @
<https://go.illinois.edu/BuildingInclusiveTech>
12pm - February 11th

**BUILDING INCLUSIVE TECH
WITH THE GLOBAL SOUTH**


What actions and innovations are needed to create an inclusive AI system? In the last decade, affordable mobile phones, and data plans have brought the 'next billion users' online - mostly young people from the Global South who are increasingly online and are engaging in ways that go beyond our common understandings. Today, 90 percent of the world's youth today live outside the West. Just India and China alone are home to most users today. Despite having limited resources, they are increasingly becoming digital creators and innovators in this AI driven era. Join Payal Arora in conversation as she draws from her MIT Press book *From Pessimism to Promise* longlisted for the 2024 Porchlight Business Book Awards, to lay out a pathway for inclusive digital futures, that is fundamentally cross-cultural, collaborative, and equity oriented.

The Center for Global Studies is a National Resource Center funded through United States Department of Education Title VI grants.

[Click to register for the virtual talk](#)

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Feb 14 2025

Temple Hoyne Buell Hall
601 Lincoln Hall Dr.
Champaign, IL 61820

Graduate Student Symposium at Illinois
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Spaces of Nature
Natures of Space**

9:00 am-4:20 pm
Student Presentations
315 TBH

5:00 pm-6:45 pm
Keynote Lecture
D. Fairchild Ruggles
Professor, Landscape Architecture
Director, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory
Presidential Humanities and Social Sciences Chair
134 TBH
Plym Auditorium



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Spaces of Nature/Natures of Space

Graduate Student Symposium at Illinois

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 9:20 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Temple Hoyne Buell Hall | 611 E. Lorado Taft Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Supported by the Ph.D. Program in the Illinois School of Architecture and the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, this one-day symposium, organized by graduate students from Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Geography, and Informatics, aims to critically reflect on pressing issues of space and nature. Titled aptly, it seeks to foster intellectual dialogue and future critical engagement.

Spaces of Nature/Natures of Space

Graduate Student Symposium at Illinois

Keynote Lecture by D. Fairchild Ruggles

5:00-6:45pm

134 TBH Plym Auditorium

We thank the departments, colleagues, and friends for their generous support. Twelve presentations, centered on two key conceptual pillars, showcase diverse and critical thought. Special thanks to the organizing team—Asalah Aranki, Aysenur Senel, Delnaaz Kharadi, Kei Kato, Stephen Ferroni, and Susan Ask—for their dedication, and to Colter Wehmeier for designing the website and visuals. We're grateful to all presenters and to Professor D. Fairchild Ruggles for her keynote lecture



IGI Photo Contest

The Illinois Global Institute is sponsoring a photo contest they hope will become an annual event!

IGI is asking undergrads and grad students to share glimpses of their interests, research, and study abroad experience with other students, and with the rest of the Illinois community—including alumni and prospective students. They hope to feature the photos on their website and on the walls of Coble Hall.

IGI is awarding a \$30 gift card to each winner. The deadline for the submissions is **Friday, February 21, 2025.**

[Click for more information and to enter](#)

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/>

Announcements

2025 Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center and the Slavic Reference Service at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are accepting applications for our 2025 Summer Research Laboratory (SRL) program. The SRL is an in-person program that will take place on our campus from June 9 - August 1, 2025.

It is open to advanced graduate students, independent scholars, and academic professionals in government and nongovernmental organizations.

Priority Application Deadline for Title VIII Research Awards is February 17, 2025.

Final deadline for all SRL applications, funded and unfunded, is March 17, 2025.

[SRL Application 2025](#)

[Click for more info about program](#)

CSGGE Fellowship Opportunities

Graduate Fellowships and Awards



2025-2026 Fellowships and Awards Application Now available

Offered by
the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program
(WGGP) for full-time new and continuing graduate students
enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- RITA AND ARNOLD GOODMAN FELLOWSHIP, \$ 18,000
- BARBARA A. YATES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP*, \$ 18,000
*Must be GRID Students
- EVELYNE ACCAD AND PAUL VIEILLE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH
AWARD, up to \$ 1,000 ***Must have research in North Africa or Middle East

Application and submission details at
<https://go.illinois.edu/WGGPFellowships>

Deadline: **February 16, 2025, by 11:59 p.m**
More information at <https://wggp.illinois.edu/>

Please direct questions to Anita Kaiser
arkaiser@illinois.edu or (217) 333-6221

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CSGGE holds an annual competition for graduate student awards with a deadline mid-February. We offer two full fellowships through the Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship and the Barbara A. Yates International Fellowship. We also have smaller research awards through the Accad & Vieille International Research and the Due & Ferber International Research award. Please note that you must be a graduate student in the Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) minor to apply for the Barbara A. Yates Fellowship and the Due and Ferber International Research Award. The Evelyn Accad and Paul Vieille International Award requires research to be on issues related to women in North Africa and the Middle East. A graduate student enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign may apply for one or more of the awards on the application form by submitting the required materials. Only one application form needed.

2025-2026 application process now open.

Online application available at <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1082136962>

Referee online submission by February 16, 2025 available at <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1366180020>

Both the application and reference letter submission deadline is **Sunday, February 16, 2025 11:59pm**

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.

Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health



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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