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Upcoming WGGP 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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Data Feminism
 Catherine D'Ignazio and Lauren F. Klein

Wednesday, Feb 12th & 26th,
 from 2:00-3:30pm CST via Zoom
 Register and Request at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1134466534>

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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.

Organized By:
Global Relations | Women & Gender in Global Perspectives Program | Center for African Studies

UMAN TOK


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
Wings International
Hudson-Kim Research Institute

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP!



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

WOMEN & GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES 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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Dean, Graduate College



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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 Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGPP) 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](#)

WGGP Co-sponsored Events



Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, February 7th

Speaker: Sean Garrick, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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>

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

23rd Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium **I**

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

Co-Sponsored at UIUC by:

History Department, Program in Medieval Studies, Center for South Asia and Middle East Studies, Center for Advanced Study, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Religion, Spurlock Museum, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, Department of Theatre, East Asian Languages and Cultures, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Department of Gender & Women's Studies, Department of Communication, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, US Department of Education Title VI Grant, Graduate Employees' Organization Local 6300

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2025

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

Learn more here:




Symposium Registration Form

REGISTER HERE:





EALC/CEAPS ALUMNI BOOK TALK

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

SPEAKER
JAMES WELKER
CHROSS – CULTURAL & JAPANESE STUDIES
KANAGAWA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

**FRIDAY, FEB 21
1PM – 2:30PM**

Hybrid Event:
Lucy Ellis Lounge & ZOOM

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

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

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.

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

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**

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 (CUBU), 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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*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**CO-SPONSORED BY THE ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE
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28th Annual Daniel S. Sanders Peace & Social Justice Lecture

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12-3:15pm

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Champaign, IL**

Moderator: Dr. Tara Powell

[Click to Registration](#)

Campus Events

**Feb
14
2025**

**Temple
Hoyne
Buell
Hall**
611 E. Lorado Taft
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**

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.

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.



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

Global Relations and You

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 the Global Relations unit can assist in facilitating your global relations 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.

Feb 6, 2025 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

[Register to get your Zoom link](#)



Beinecke Scholarship Information Sessions & Workshop

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:

- In-person: February 6 (3:30-4:30 pm) and February 7 (3:00-4:00 pm) at 514 Illini Union Bookstore Building.
- Online: February 7 (9:00-10:00 am), register in advance.

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

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

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

Announcements



51st Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory

March 7th and 8th, 2025

Hosted by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is pleased to host the 51th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory. The meeting will take place on Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Due Date: February 7th, 2025 at 11:59 CST

Contact Kasia Szremski (szremski@illinois.edu) with any questions.

Click for registration and abstract submission



2025 Strive Award Nominations

It's time to submit your nominations for the WRC's 6th Annual Strive Awards! There are so many Illinois students, staff, and faculty doing incredible gender equity work on our campus, and we hope you will join us in celebrating them. The awards are:

- **The Advocate Award:** This honor is for a faculty member, staff member, or student who consistently “walks the walk” and advocates for gender equity in their everyday lives, even when it’s hard.
- **The Scholar Award:** This award is for a faculty member, staff member, or student who

advocates for and advances gender equity through their academic and professional endeavors.

- **The Dr. Ruth Nicole Brown Coalition Award:** This honor is for a student who brings diverse groups of people together across identity lines to advance gender equity.
- **The Pat Morey Legacy Award:** This award is for a student who engages in gender equity work that will benefit the University of Illinois campus long after they graduate.
- **The Strive Together Award:** This honor will go to a Registered Student Organization (RSO) that has made significant contributions towards gender equity during the current academic year.

The nomination form will close on Friday, February 9 at 5 p.m. CST

[Click for more information and the nominate](#)

The Illinois Scholars at Risk Program (ISAR)

The Illinois Scholars at Risk Program (ISAR) is seeking expressions of interest from campus units interested in hosting on a visiting basis a scholar at risk in their field in AY25-26. The ISAR Committee can help units identify scholars and has matching funding units may apply for. Units should submit [this expression of interest form](#) by Feb 10. Learn more about [current ISAR scholars](#) here!

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

Call for Applications
SUMMER RESEARCH LABORATORY
on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia

June 9 - August 1, 2025 | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

The SRL is an in-person program that offers comprehensive research support, access to library resources and competitive Research Awards to graduate and post-graduate scholars developing projects on all aspects of Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies.

Any researcher may apply to be as SRL Associate, and receive the following forms of research support:

- Reference assistance throughout the summer and beyond from the Slavic Reference Service (SRS);
- In-person access to digital and database collections of our University Library during onsite visit;
- Thematic and skill-building workshop events, as well as opportunities to present and discuss works in progress;
- Designation as a 2025 SRL Associate.

Funding Opportunity: Title VIII Research Awards

Housing on campus for up to 12 nights, \$800 travel support, and a research stipend of \$1250

**Restricted to applicants who are U.S. citizens and conducting policy-relevant research; funded by the U.S. Department of State*

All Title VIII funded research must be conducted in-person at the SRL.

Application deadline for Title VIII Research Awards: **February 17, 2025**
 Final deadline for all SRL applications, funded & unfunded: **March 17, 2025**

For more information and to apply, visit go.illinois.edu/reec-SRL2025

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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](https://go.illinois.edu/reec-SRL2025)

[Click for more info about program](https://go.illinois.edu/reec-SRL2025)

WGGP Fellowship Opportunities

Graduate Fellowships and Awards

WGGP 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 Evelyne 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.

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2025-2026 Fellowships and Awards Application Now available

Offered by
 the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGPP) 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
- EVELYNNE ACCAD AND PAUL VIEILLE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD, up to \$ 3,000 ***Must have research in North Africa or Middle East

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

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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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**

WGGP Programs

WGGP Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minors

WGGP 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

Joint with WGGP and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with Women and Gender in Global Perspectives (WGPP), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of**

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Certificate in
Global Health

[Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate](#)



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