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Message from Director



Dear WGGP Community:

Hope your winter break was restful and rejuvenating! As I welcome you back to Spring 2025, I am excited to announce that the proposal for the Center's name change was officially approved! The new name, the **Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity**, captures the centrality of the Center's work over the last four decades as well as the essence of

our mission and goals; and it allows us to continue our historic focus on promoting women's access to resources and rights in the Global South in a broader and more inclusive context of gender identities. As we celebrate this new chapter of the Center, I want to express my gratitude to Colleen Murphy, former Director, and Anita Kaiser, Associate Director, for their leadership role in the process, and to all of you for your support that made this change happen. We will roll out the name change on our various platforms in the coming weeks, and we embrace this exciting moment as we mark the 45th Anniversary of the Center.

I also want to take this opportunity to share with you some highlights of our programming and events in the Spring, including the 8th annual *Women's International Day Celebration* (March 5, co-host with the Humanities Research Institute), the panel discussion on *Gender and Economy* (April 3), and the panel discussion on the impact of the 2024 election, *What Now: Women and Gender in the New Era* (April 7, co-host with the Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies). We always welcome opportunities to co-sponsor events with other units across campus, and a few co-sponsored events in the Spring include *Uman Tok: A Discussions on Period Poverty and Global Collaboration* (February 13), the 23rd *Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium* (February 20-22), the 28th *Daniel S. Sanders Annual Peace & Social Justice Lecture* (February 26), and lecture series and workshop on *Women Environmental Defenders and Climate Change in the Amazon* (January 27; May 21-23). Please also mark your calendars for the *Spring Reception and Student Recognitions* (April 25), which is always a joyful event to celebrate the achievements of our faculty and students and the end of the academic year.

Our graduate minor students in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) play a vital role in promoting gender equity in global settings, through engaging in collaborative research activities and leading programming across campus and community. A few highlights of the events that they lead or co-lead in Spring 2025 include *GRID student Book Discussion* (February 12 & 26) and *Film Discussion* (March 4), *Graduate Student Workshop on Publishing* (April 4), as well as the *GRID Student Forum* (March 7), an opportunity to showcase the work of students that received support and funding through the Center's Fellowships and Awards.

Please check our *website* to find the full list of Spring events. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events and working with you on our continued partnership in the new semester!

Warmly,

Min Zhan
Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity
Professor, School of Social Work

Upcoming WGGP Events

ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE
WOMEN & GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

Graduate Book Discussion

"Data Feminism" by Catherine D'Ignazio and Lauren Klein. The will be led by GRID Students Mahbubeh Moqadam and Marwah Malik.

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 graduate campus students

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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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

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

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

The Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve (CMER): a pocket of hope in facing increasing threats in the Brazilian Amazon



Dr. Sabina Cerruto Ribeiro
Associate Professor at the
Federal University of Acre
(UFAC)



January 27, 2025, 3 pm CST | Coble Hall 306

Dr. Ribeiro is an Associate Professor and Vice-Coordinator of the Master's Program in Forest Science at UFAC. She holds a Ph.D. in Forest Management and specializes in forest conservation, climate change education, and community empowerment, especially supporting extractivist communities in the Brazilian Amazon. Her work focuses on capacity building for sustainable resource use and knowledge dissemination about climate change. She develops long-term systematic monitoring of forests and assessments of carbon stock in natural and planted forests.

Part III of the series on Women Environmental Defenders and Climate Change in the Amazon
Organized by CLACS, NRES, WGGP, CGS, GWS, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies and ACES



The Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve (CMER): a pocket of hope in facing increasing threats in the Brazilian Amazon

Women Defenders in the Amazon Lecture Pt. 3

Speaker: Dr. Sabina Cerruto Ribeiro, Associate Professor at the Federal University of Acre (UFAC)

About Lecture: Dr. Ribeiro is an Associate Professor and Vice-Coordinator of the Master's Program in Forest Science at UFAC. She holds a Ph.D. in Forest Management and specializes in forest conservation, climate change education, and community empowerment, especially supporting extractivist communities in the Brazilian Amazon. Her work focuses on capacity building for sustainable resource use

and knowledge dissemination about climate change. She develops long-term systematic monitoring of forests and assessments of carbon stock in natural and planted forests.

Co - Sponsors: CLACS, NRES, WGGP, CGS, GWS, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies & ACES

Join us on January 27th at 3pm at Coble Hall, room 306.



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>



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 26th, 2025

12-3:15pm

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

Moderator: Dr. Tara Powell

[Click to Registration](#)

Campus Events



The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies hosts

Graduate Student Workshop: Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals

Tuesday, January 28

12:00 - 2:15 PM

Coble Hall, Room 306 (801 S. Wright Street)

In preparation for applying for our center's upcoming fellowships and others, join us to learn how to write fellowship proposals that will help you accomplish your academic and life goals.

This workshop will be conducted by Dana Johnson, Director of External Fellowships.

Lunch will be provided.

[Click to register for the workshop](#)

Illinois Part-Time Job Fair

The Illinois Part-Time Job Fair is open to students on campus seeking opportunities to make some extra money and build their career competencies while completing their academics. Opportunities at this fair will be paid part-time positions on campus or in the Champaign-Urbana community.

This is an informal fair. Casual attire is acceptable.

Illini Union , Ballroom AB | Jan 29, 2025 1:00 - 4:00 pm

[Click to Register](#)

Announcements

The University of Illinois School of Social Work is excited to invite you to the **Global Mental Health Research and Services Conference** on Oct. 9 and 10, 2025, in Champaign. Coinciding with World Mental Health Day, our theme is "From Local to Global: Encouraging creative solutions to transcultural mental health challenges." To participate in this conference, please submit a proposal. Abstracts are due **Jan. 31, 2025**.

[Click for more information and submit abstract](#)



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](#)



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](#)

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 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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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](#)

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



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
- EVELYNE 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://wgpp.illinois.edu/>

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



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**



The Illinois Global Institute (IGI) Language Fellowship

The Illinois Global Institute (IGI) Language Fellowship application is now open. This fellowship provides support for critical language training necessary to fields of academic and professional development for UIUC graduate students. The fellowship offers academic year support (AY 2025-2026) to graduate students at the MA or PhD level. Successful applicants will receive a \$20,000 stipend and a waiver of tuition and some fees.

Please, click [here](https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1082136962) to learn about the Illinois Global Institute (IGI) Language Fellowship

Spring 2025 Courses

WGGP 581: Gender Relations & International Development

Credit: 4 hours. Meets: 01/21/25-05/07/25. Restricted to Graduate. CRN: 64395

Interdisciplinary seminar examining theoretical and empirical research on gender and the transformation of social and economic structures. Students will develop a comparative perspective on issues of women and public policy by contrasting and comparing such policies in North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, and Africa. Same as [GWS 512](#) and [SOCW 581](#).

[Click to view course in course catalog](#)

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 (WGGP), 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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