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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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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>

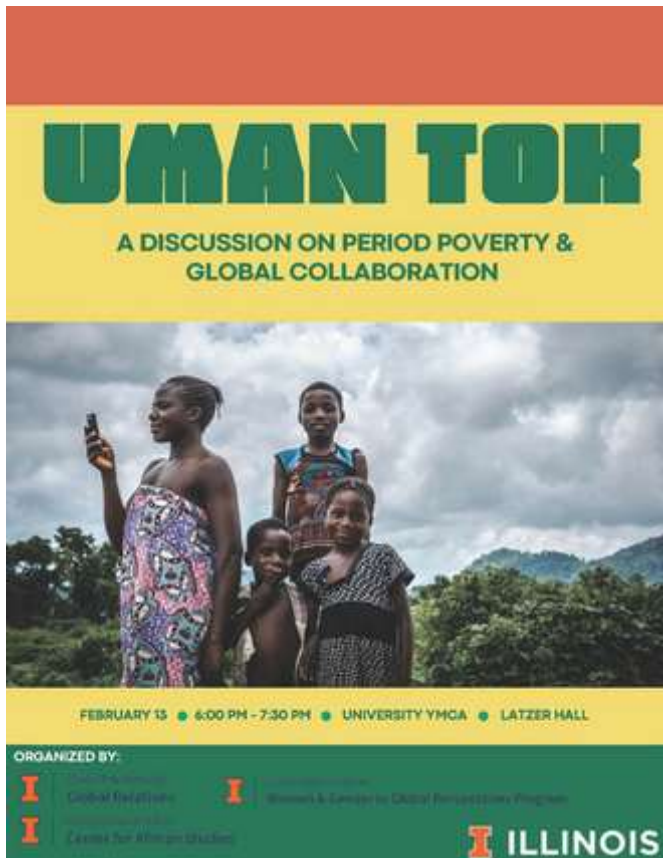
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Uman Tok: A Discussion on Period Poverty and Global Collaboration

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.



The film is produced by students and faculty in the University of Illinois Journalism Department 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.



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

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 Wojciech Chodak-Zajko Dean, Graduate College	 W. Brooke Elliott Josef and Margot Lazarschok Professor in Business and Dean, Gies College of Business			
 Traci Barkley Director, Sola Gracia Farm	 Alison M. Bell Professor, Department of Evolution, Ecology and Behavior	 David Chitt Director, Asian American Cultural Center	 Cindy Ingold Associate Professor University Library	 Sandra Lora-Crisolena Associate Professor, Health and Kinesiology
 Alejandro Lleras Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	 Shari Mickey-Boggs Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources, Illinois Human Resources	 Zahra Moheghh Donald R. Bogle Incent Faculty Scholar and Associate Professor of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering	 Isabella Reyna Sauer Undergraduate Student, Department of History	 Bhakti Verma Graduate Student, College of Education

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

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](#)

WGPP Co-sponsored Events

**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 (CUC), 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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[Click for registration](#)

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

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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, WGPP, CGS, GWS, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies and ACES



Women Defenders in the Amazon Lecture Pt. 3

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

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

**FRIDAY FORUM
+ CONVERSATION CAFÉ**

FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 | MARCH 7, 28 | APRIL 4, 11, 18



Student Affairs

12-1PM | UNIVERSITY YMCA
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FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

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>

Campus Events



Film Screening *PLAN C*
January 24, 2025 at 6pm
Channing Murray Foundation.

Please join UC Reproductive Justice at the Channing Murray Foundation (1209 W. Oregon St) for a film about the grassroots network Plan C built and their hope for the future of abortion access. Join us for a discussion after the screening.



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](#)

Announcements



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 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 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



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](#)

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](#)

WGGP Fellowship Opportunities



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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 \$ 3,000 ***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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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 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](#) 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



Certificate in
Global Health

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.**

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



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