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Women & Gender in Global Perspectives Program  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

# Weekly E-news

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## WGGP Events

### Graduate Workshop on "Effective Fellowship Writing"

Speaker: Dr. Dana Johnson, Director of External Fellowships at the Graduate College.

12:00-12:30pm: Lunch Provided for participants

12:30-2:30pm: "Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals" will be led by Dr. Dana Johnson, Director of External Fellowships at the Graduate College.

**October 25, 12-2:30pm, 306 Coble Hall, 801 S Wright Street**

[Click to Registration](#)

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**GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP**  
**Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals**

Led by: Dana Johnson, PhD  
 Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College

**Friday, Oct. 25 12:30-2:30pm**  
 306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street  
 Register via <https://gs.illinois.edu/fellowshipworkshop>

Lunch provided for registered attendees starting at 12pm



Co-sponsored by: Center for African Studies; Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies; Center for Global Studies; Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; European Union Center; Lemann Center for European Studies; and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center



## WGGP Co-sponsored Events

**FRIDAY FORUM + CONVERSATION CAFE**

**OCTOBER 25**  
**12-1 PM**

Free lunch provided!  
 University YMCA  
 1001 S. Wright St.  
 Champaign, IL 61820

**“Bad Faith” Documentary Panel**  
Sponsored in part by the Women & Gender in Global Perspectives Program

<b>Rev. Terrance Thomas</b> Bethel AME Church	<b>Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis</b> Assistant Professor, African American Religions and Black Studies
<b>Pr. Michael Crosby</b> First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana	<b>Dr. Stephanie Mota Thurston</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Religion

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### Friday Forum + Conversation Café

This Friday October 25th

**Speaker:** Rev. Terrance Thomas & Pr. Michael Crosby

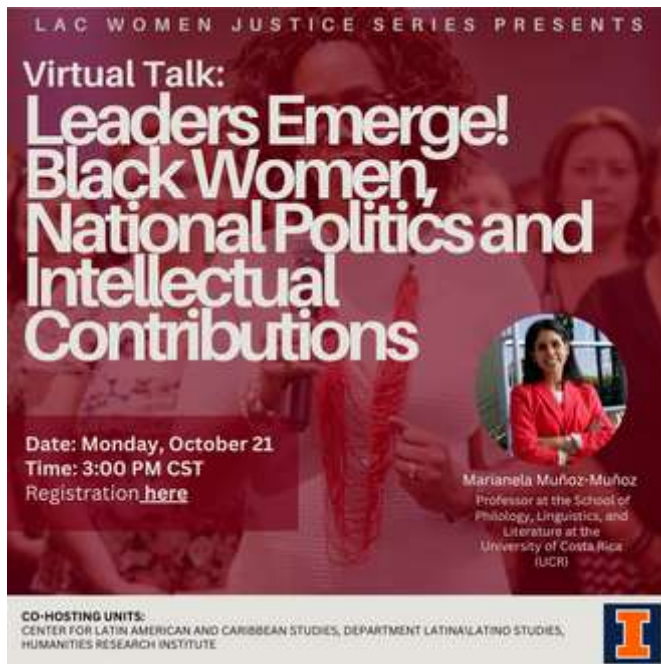
**Program Information:** Bethel AME and First Mennonite of C-U - Understanding White Christian Nationalism. Discussion on 'Bad Faith' documentary by Rev. Terrance Thomas & Pr. Michael Crosby. Free lunch provided.

Please join the University YMCA and [Diversity & Social Justice Education](#) for our Fall 2024 Friday

Forum + Conversation Café series. We will hear from community leaders tackling our most pressing public concerns through an unwavering pursuit of social justice. We are excited to focus the fall series on Democracy. Follow this [link](#) for more information!

**Fridays at 12 PM in Latzer Hall at the University YMCA.**

[Click for full Forum Schedule](#)



## **LAC Women Justice Series: Leaders Emerge! Black Women, National Politics and Intellectual Contributions**

**About Speaker:** Dr. Marianela Muñoz is a Professor at the School of Philology, Linguistics, and Literature at the University of Costa Rica. She holds a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies, with Doctoral Portfolios in African and African Diaspora Studies and Native American and Indigenous Studies, from the University of Texas at Austin.

**About Lecture:** The engagement of Black women in State politics in Costa Rica stands out as a significant experience within the Latin American region, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

This presentation delves into the rich tradition of political activism among Black women, emphasizing the relationships, emotions, and leadership styles that shape both their public activism and intellectual contributions.

**Date: Oct. 21st at 3pm CST on ZOOM**

[Click for Zoom link](#)

## **Women in Science Lecture Series**

**About Speaker:** Professor and Head of Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, Dr. Prasanth will discuss her research on eukaryotic DNA replication, chromosome structure and



maintenance, heterochromatin organization, and cell cycle control.

**About Series:** 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.

**November 14th 12 - 1:00PM | University Archives, [Main Library Room 146](#) or via Zoom**

Click for more info and RSVP

## Campus Events



### Women's Resources Center

#### Survivor Strategies: Understanding Trauma and Triggers

Survivor Strategies is a space for survivors to build community and support in their healing process. This week we will explore how trauma shows up in the body, and brainstorm ways to navigate triggers.

**Oct 29th 6:30 - 8:00 pm | 616 E Green St, Suite 213, Champaign, IL 61820**

## Department of Latina/Latino Studies

## Dr. Rolando Hinojosa-Smith Jr. Lecture Series

DEPARTMENT OF LATINA/LATINO STUDIES

Dr. Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, Jr. Lecture Series



Dr. Claire Jiménez

### Noise As Meaning: An Exploration of Voice

October 28 | 5:00pm | Greg Hall 223

How does one "craft" voice? Drawing upon the Barbadian scholar and poet Kamau Brathwaite's assertion that the "noise" is part of the meaning, Claire Jiménez, author of *What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez*, explores the pedagogical implications of teaching "voice" in the creative writing workshop. Jiménez reflects on her work on the Puerto Rican Literature Project and the creation of her own novel as she discusses how the writer can incorporate considerations of history, especially those histories of colonialism and displacement, as they imagine the voices of their characters.



We are excited to welcome **Claire Jiménez**, author of *What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez* and winner of the 2024 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

Claire Jiménez is a Puerto Rican writer who grew up in Brooklyn and Staten Island, New York. She is the author of the short story collection *Staten Island Stories* (Johns Hopkins Press, 2019) and *What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez* (Grand Central, 2023), which was awarded the 2024 Pen/Faulkner Award for fiction. In 2019, she co-founded the Puerto Rican Literature Project, a digital archive documenting the lives and work of hundreds of Puerto Rican writers from over the last century. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor of English and African American Studies at the University of South Carolina.

**October 28th at 5:00 pm in Greg Hall 223**

## Feel the HEAT Kick-Off

**HEAT (Humanities, Entertainment, Arts, and Technology)**

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome to attend the launch of HEAT, a new initiative connecting cultural and global studies with interactive, immersive, and AI-related design tools that encourage critical and collaborative engagement. HEAT fosters the expressive use of emerging technologies with attention to ethics and accessibility in the design of creative works. The event will feature presentations, networking opportunities, and a design challenge. Refreshments provided. [Registration is preferred](#) by October 17.

*Please note: An alternative lunchtime session will be held on Friday, Oct 25th, from 12-1pm in Room 313, Library & Information Science Building (501 E Daniel). Questions? [heat-ed@illinois.edu](mailto:heat-ed@illinois.edu).*

**October 24th | 4 - 6pm | Armory 182**



**Feel the HEAT!**  
**Humanities, Entertainment, Art, and Technology**

Funded by the Illinois Global Institute, HEAT fosters the expressive use of emerging technologies, with attention to ethics and accessibility in the design of creative works and throughout their development. Exploring the intersections of Humanities, Entertainment, Art, and Technology, the HEAT initiative connects cultural and global studies with interactive, immersive and AI-related design tools, encouraging new collaborations across our campus.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
 Join us for an afternoon of engaging talks, interactive activities, and networking, with refreshments provided!

Thursday, 24 October, 4-6:00 pm  
 CITL IDEASpace | Armory 182  
 Please RSVP by 17 October

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## Announcements



[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ECOJUSTICE2024](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ECOJUSTICE2024)

FALL 2024  
**ECOJUSTICE SERIES**

This series is brought to you in collaboration with Illinois cultural and resource centers. Join us as we explore environmental justice issues and how they impact our communities. Check out the full calendar today!

Lectures, book clubs, film screenings, and a field trip will provide students with unique opportunities to further explore environmental theory and praxis.

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### Fall 2024 Ecojustice Series

The Fall 2024 Ecojustice series has begun! This series of events hosted in collaboration with Illinois cultural houses & resource centers is funded by the Student Sustainability Committee. This series will feature a variety of opportunities for students to explore environmental justice issues and their connections to social justice. Lectures, interviews, film screenings, a field trip, and more will provide students with unique opportunities to further explore theory, praxis, and activism in diverse communities.

[Click for Fall 2024 Schedule](#)

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Throughout October, we'll be celebrating various aspects of healthy relationships while developing strategies for more inclusive forms of violence prevention and survivor support. Stay tuned into our social media for updates on lectures, workshops, panels and more!

For more information or to get involved in Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, contact [womenscenter@illinois.edu](mailto:womenscenter@illinois.edu).

**We all have a role in creating safer and healthier communities.** Join us in activities and events throughout the month to become involved in eliminating violence and abuse in our relationships, our homes and in our community!

[Click for Domestic Violence Awareness Month Calendar](#)

## HRI Faculty & Graduate Student Fellowship 2025-2026

### APPLICATION PORTAL OPEN

HRI campus fellowships enable faculty and graduate students to develop research projects related to the yearly theme and to participate in the yearlong interdisciplinary Fellows Seminar and related programming. Faculty fellows receive a two-course release and \$3K in research funds. Graduate fellows receive a stipend and a tuition and partial fee waiver.

HRI welcomes applications from all disciplines and departments with an interest in humanities and humanities-inflected research. The institute is especially interested in fostering interdisciplinary work, both within the humanistic disciplines, and between the humanities and the arts.

**Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Central on Friday, December 6, 2024**

**Link for more information:** <https://hri.illinois.edu/campus-fellowships/graduate-fellowship-awards-application-guidelines>

## Truman Scholarship

### Eligibility

This award provides a year of funding for students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. College juniors who are U.S. citizens with a record of community service and a commitment to a career in public service are eligible. Public service includes government, uniformed services, public interest organizations, non-governmental research or educational organizations, public and private schools, and other public service-oriented, non-profit organizations.

### Campus Deadline

[November 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. \(noon\)](#)

[Click for more info](#)

### Social Media



**Follow our social media for the latest updates from WGGP**

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### 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](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu) or by phone at 333-6221.



Certificate in Global Health

## 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.**

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



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