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# Weekly E-news

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## Director's Welcome



Dear WGGP Community:

Happy Fall 2024! On behalf of the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGGP), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the new academic year. I am excited for the opportunity to work with all of you on my new role as the WGGP Director. We will kick off the new semester with the annual Fall Reception (September 5), which is always a

joyful event to learn more about WGGP, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. Please RSVP at <https://go.illinois.edu/WGGPFallReception>. We look forward to seeing you there!

This year's programming and events will continue reflecting the interdisciplinary collaboration and global focus of WGGP. A few highlights of the Fall programming include the [Alumni Lecture by Annie Contractor](#) on "*Community Engagement, Rural Edition: Navigating Local Power and Conquering the Fear Factor*" (October 2) and the Faculty Affiliate Lecture by [Dr. Eunmi Mun](#) on "Egalitarian Workplaces: Organizational Patterns of Gender Wage Inequality in High Income Countries" (October 11). We always welcome opportunities to co-sponsor events with other units across campus. We co-sponsor the [University YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Cafe](#) Series along with other campus talks such as the [Women Environmental Defenders and Climate Change in the Amazon](#) Series and the upcoming Center for Global Studies talk by Dr. Manfred Steger, "*Globalization at a Crossroads: Deglobalization or Reglobalization?*" (October 7). Please check our [website](#) to find additional upcoming events that we are hosting or co-sponsoring.

For over four decades, WGGP has served as an invaluable platform to engage scholars, students, and community members to promote gender equity and human development. The over 90 faculty affiliates from across campus comprise a rich and diverse community of scholars. We are always open to welcoming new members to the WGGP community, so get in touch if you know anyone new to the community who might be interested in learning more about WGGP.

We are proud of the education and support that WGGP provides to students. Over 160 graduate students have participated in WGGP through our graduate minor on [Gender Relations in International Development \(GRID\)](#). Annually, we offer a competition for [graduate student awards](#) that includes two full year fellowships and a research award. Stayed tuned later this semester for more information on the application process for AY2024-2025. Save the date for the [Effective Fellowship Writing Workshop](#) on October 25.

We will continue our communications with the weekly newsletters on upcoming events and *Monthly Perspectives* that feature updates about our faculty affiliates and GRID students. Please let us know if you have news to share. We are always happy to meet with you to discuss any questions you might have about our program or about how you may get involved with WGGP. Please don't hesitate to contact me or our Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at [arkaiser@illinois.edu](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu) or (217) 333-6221. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

Min Zhan

Director, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives (WGGP) Program  
Professor, School of Social Work

## WGGP Fall Reception



## WGGP Fall Reception

**Thursday, September 5 | 4:00-5:30 pm | YMCA Latzer Hall  
1001 S. Wright Street,  
Champaign**

Remarks at 4:20 pm

RSVP Appreciated by Aug. 30

## Upcoming Events



Please visit our website for a full list of hosted and co-sponsored events

Click to view full calendar of events

## WGGP 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.

[Click for more info on GRID minor](#)

### 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

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