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Upcoming WGGP Events



WGGP Alumni Lecture: Dr. Raiza Kolia

Date and Time: April 3rd, 2024 | 12:00pm

Location: 306 Coble Hall and **VIA ZOOM**

Lunch provided for registered attendees

[Click to register for lunch talk](#)

Co-founder & CEO of Reaching Across Borders

Wednesday, April 3rd at 12pm
306 Cable Hall/Hybrid via Zoom
Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/GRIAlumniecture>



Dr. Kolia will share information about Reaching Across Borders services to Syrian Refugees in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. Given her years of living in the Bekaa Valley, she has had a front row seat to witness their strength, resilience, and their role transformation within their family structures and within society. She will specifically discuss how war transforms a society, particularly the adverse effects on women and girls, and she will dispel bias and myths about Syrian refugee girls and women.

Cosponsored by: School of Social Work



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Film Screening & Discussion with writer Rasha Azab

{TRAPPED}



Against the backdrop of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution, several stories of confined women attempting to escape become intertwined.

Wednesday, April 3 at 4:00pm
Illini Union, Room A

This event is part of the April 4-5 Conference on Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)

Registration appreciated at
<https://go.illinois.edu/CommonDifferences2024>

co-sponsors: College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, School of Social Work, Humanities Research Institute, Illinois Global Institute, Illinois International Programs, Center for African Studies, Center for Global Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and Women's Resources Center. This event was supported in part by grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI grant program. The content of this event does not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

2021 Egyptian Film Screening and Discussion with Writer *Rasha Azab*

"Trapped"

Illini Room A, Illini Union

Apr 3rd, 2024 | 4:00 pm

Film Screening & Discussion with Egyptian Filmmaker Rasha Azab, "Trapped" will take place on April 3 at 4 pm, Illini Union Room A, Illini Union. This is part of the "Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)" conference taking place April 4-5, 2024.

[Click to register](https://go.illinois.edu/CommonDifferences2024)

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**Transnational Feminist Resistance(s)
Against Contemporary Violence(s)**

COMMON DIFFERENCES II

Transnational Feminist Conference

Apr 4-5, 2024 | Illini Union, Room A

Conference on "Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)" hosted by the Women and



<https://go.illinois.edu/CommonDifferences2024>

Click to register

VIOLENCE(S) HOSTED BY THE WOMEN AND Gender and Global Perspectives Program with the Gender & Women's Studies Department Conference organized by graduate students from WGGP and GWS: Amaury J. Rijo Sanchez (Sociology), Nehal Elmeligy (Sociology), Marina Moscoso Arabía (Geography), and Mahbubeh Moqadam (Sociology).

For complete list of speakers and schedule, please visit

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Dr. Amina Mama
 Professor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
 University of California, Davis

Transnational Feminist Praxis in an Age of Genocide
 Thursday, April 4th
 6:00pm
 Illini Room A, Illini Union

How are women's movements in formerly colonized nations responding? What does feminist transnational analysis make visible? What forms of solidarity and activism are emerging in the face of massive and unrelenting state violence against a trapped population of civilian women, children, and men? What legacies of struggle can usefully inform such action? This lecture argues that the many violences perpetrated against women have been the major driver of feminist organizing in the South, and that this continues to be the case in relation to the transnational outrage over the carnage of the Israeli military campaign. Old and new anti-colonial feminist solidarities are being mobilized at multiple levels to join the global resistance demanding an end to the US-backed genocide.

This keynote lecture is part of the **Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)** conference
 April 4-5th, 2024

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Keynote Lecture

Dr. Amina Mama, University of California, Davis

Transnational Feminist Praxis in an Age of Genocide

Illini Room A, Illini Union

Apr 4th, 2024 | 6:00 pm

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PERIOD. END OF SENTENCE
 FILM SCREENING & DIRECTOR'S TALK

Rayka Zehtabchi
 Director/Producer

April 5 at 1:00pm
 Illini Room A, Illini Union

Moderated by Dr. Kathryn Clancy

This event is part of the April 4-5 Conference
 Transnational Feminist Resistance(s)
 Against Contemporary Violence(s)

Registration appreciated at
<https://go.illinois.edu/CommonDifferences2024>

Rayka Zehtabchi is an Iranian-American director and producer working in both documentary and fiction. Rayka's Oscar-winning feature short documentary, *Period. End of Sentence.*, is about a group of village women in Northern India who start a sanitary pad-making business in an effort to improve feminine hygiene and destigmatize menstruation.

Co-sponsors: College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, School of Social Work, Women's Research Institute, Illinois Global Institute, Illinois International Programs, Center for African Studies, Center for Global Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and Women's Resources Center. This event was supported in part by grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Title IX grant program. The content of this event does not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

Film Screening of "Period. End of Sentence" with Director Rayka Zehtabchi

Moderated: Dr. Kate Clancy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Apr 5th, 2024 | 1:00 pm

Illini Room A, Illini Union

This is part of the "Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)" conference taking place April 4-5, 2024.

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"Are Reparations Due for Colonialism in Africa"

April 10 | 12pm CST
 306 Coble Hall

Lunch with RSVP
 Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/Sarkin>

Jeremy Sarkin is Distinguished Research Professor of Law at NOVA University of Lisbon in Lisbon, Portugal and an Extraordinary Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He has served as an acting judge in the High Court in South Africa and Chairperson Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. Sarkin was Legal Advisor to the Chief of the Herero community in

"Are Reparations Due for Colonialism in Africa"

Dr. Jeremy Julian Sarkin,

Distinguished Research Professor of Law at NOVA University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal

April 10, 2024 | 12:00pm

306 Coble Hall

Lunch provided for registered attendees

Co-sponsors: Center for African Studies; Program in Family Law and Policy; and the Program in Constitutional Theory, History, and Law



[Click to register for lunch talk](#)

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SPRING 2024 EVENTS

Feb. 8 | 12pm
Women in Science Lecture Series
Dr. May Berenbaum, Entomology
Main Library Room 146 and hybrid
<https://go.library.illinois.edu/WomenInScienceFeb2024>

Feb. 15 | Time 6:30-8:00pm
Film Discussion, "The Wildflower"
Virtual via Zoom
RSVP at
<https://go.illinois.edu/TheWildflower>

Feb. 16 | 12pm
WGCP Faculty Affiliate Lunch Talk
Dr. Antoinette Burton, Professor of History and Swanlund Endowed Chair
"Victorian Geographies of Un/Belonging: Cornelia Sorabji at Oxford."
306 Coble Hall
Lunch provided with RSVP
<https://go.illinois.edu/AffiliateTalk>

Feb. 29 | 4pm
Book Discussion, "On Fire" by Naomi Klein
Virtual via Zoom
Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/OnFire>

Mar. 4 | 4pm
"Tarpuna El Maiz" Film Screening and Discussion with Dr. Pilar Eguez Cuevara
Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum
600 S. Gregory, Urbana

Mar. 5 | 3:30-5:00pm |
International Women's Day Celebration
"12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"
3rd Floor, Levis Faculty Center
919 W. Illinois, Urbana

Mar. 6 | 4:00-6:00pm
Katha Workshop
3rd Floor, Levis Faculty Center
919 W. Illinois, Urbana
co-hosted by CSAMES

Mar. 7 | 12pm
Women in Science Lecture Series
Dr. Karrie Karahalios, Computer Science
Main Library Room 146 and hybrid
<https://go.library.illinois.edu/WomenInScienceMar2024>

Apr. 3 | 12pm
WGCP Alumni Lecture: Dr. Raiza Kolia
306 Coble Hall and via Zoom
Lunch provided with RSVP
<https://go.illinois.edu/GRIDAlumLecture>

Apr. 3 | 4:00-6:00pm
"Trapped" 2021 Egyptian Film Screening and Discussion with writer Rasha Azab
Illini Room A, Illini Union
See website for full program schedule
<https://go.illinois.edu/CommonDifference2024>

Apr. 4 | All Day
Transnational Feminist Conference
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Apr. 5 | All Day
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Apr. 10 | 12pm
Jeremy Sarkin, Research Professor of Law, NOVA University
"Are reparations due for colonialism in Africa"
306 Coble Hall
Lunch provided with RSVP
<https://go.illinois.edu/Sarkin>

Apr. 11 | 12pm
Women in Science Lecture Series
Dr. Marni Boppert
Main Library Room 146 and hybrid
<https://go.library.illinois.edu/WomenInScienceApril2024>

Apr. 26 | 4-5pm (Remarks at 4:20)
Spring Reception and Student Recognitions
Latzer Hall, University YMCA, 1001 S. Wright

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For information on WGCP hosted or co-sponsored events, please visit
<https://go.illinois.edu/WGCP> Events or click on QR code

[Click here for a complete list of Spring 2024 events](#)

Upcoming WGGP Co-sponsored Events



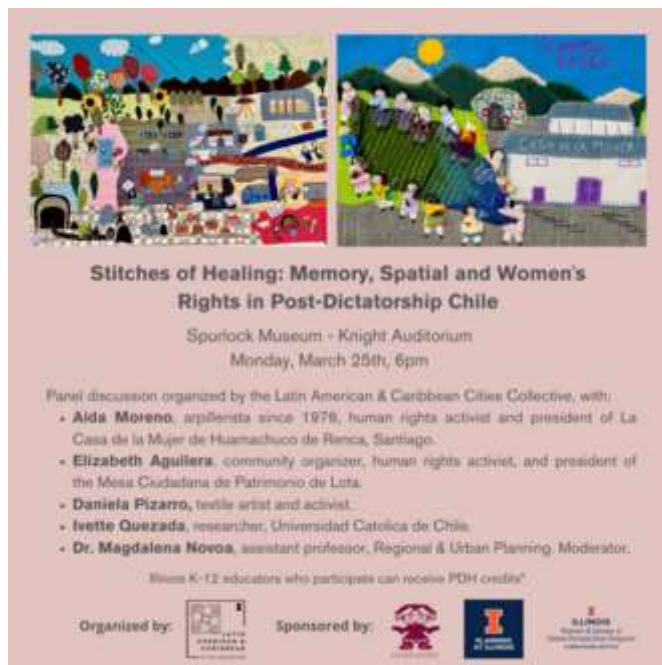
Women's History Month Forum
"The Past, Present, & Future of African Women"

Friday, March 29th
5-7pm



5-7pm
BNAACC, 1212 W. Nevada

Hosted by the African Students Organisation
 Co-sponsored by: WGGP, Humanities
 Research Institute, Center for African Studies,
 and the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American
 Cultural Center



Stitches of Healing: Memory, Spatial and Women's Rights in Post- Dictatorship Chile

Spurlock Museum - Knight Auditorium

Monday, March 25th, 6pm


Panel discussion organized by the Latin American & Caribbean Cities Collective, with:

- Aida Moreno, arpillerista since 1976, human rights activist and president of La Casa de la Mujer de Huamachuco de Renca, Santiago.
- Elizabeth Aguilera, community organizer, human rights activist, and president of the Mesa Ciudadana de Patrimonio de Lota.
- Daniela Pizarro, textile Artist and activist.
- Ivette Quezada, researcher, Universidad Catolica de Chile.
- Dr. Magdalena Nova, assistant professor, Regional & Urban Planning. Moderator.

Department of Latina/ Latino Studies
Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies

On 50 Years of the Chilean Dictatorship: Immigration, Cultural Production, and Latina Feminisms

Join us for a presentation and discussion with two women who immigrated to the United States from Chile to escape the Pinochet regime (1973-90) and have since used their experiences with state violence and displacement as the basis for their art and activism.




Liliana Wilson is a Texas-based visual artist whose work has appeared in the seminal women of color anthology *This Bridge Called My Back*.

María Teresa Pizarro is a Chicago-based Chilean activist with the feminist organization, MEMCh.

Thursday April 4th, 2024
5:00-6:30PM
LLS Conference Room

Also cosponsored by:

- Humanities Research Institute
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On 50 Years of the Chilean Dictatorship: Immigration, Cultural Production, and Latina Feminisms

Apr 4, 2024 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Room 133, LLS Building (1207 W. Oregon St.)

Speakers: Liliana Wilson and María Teresa Pizarro

Hosted by: Department of Latina/Latino Studies and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Co-sponsored by Women & Gender in Global Perspectives

SPRING 2024
FRIDAY FORUM + CONVERSATION CAFÉ

02/02 Exploring the Radical Black Church
Rev. Terrence Thomas, Bethel AME Church

02/09 Conkuring Can Save the World: A comic strip showcase by Keith Knight
Keith Knight, Gentleman Cartoons

02/16 Band the Air and Immigration and Separation
Illinois State Representative Carol Ammons

02/23 Media Bala-Widley, Lutheran Pastor, NYT Bestselling Author, Wholeness Interfaith Conference Keynote Speaker
In conversation with Rev. Leah Roberts-Mason, Community United Church of Christ

03/01 Shortening Inequalities and Barriers in Refugee Labor Market Participation in Germany
Gaga Yeung, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

03/22 The Education of Charlene Yelers (Spokane Native)
Charlene Yelers, Artist and TAA Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

04/05 "In Witness Here": 35 Years Building Native Sports Moments and Chief Mowbray
Jay Rosenstein, Department of Media and Cinema Studies

04/12 The Mission and Vision of the Salomon MENA Cultural Center
Award Award, Salomon MENA Cultural Center

04/19 Examining Reproductive Justice in the Post-Abolition Landscape
Samantha Ruerbach, Urbana-Champaign Reproductive Justice

04/26 Earth Day and Environmental Justice: Rites as Resistance?
McKenzie Johnson, Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences

1207 W. OREGON ST., URBANA, IL 61801
FREE ADMISSION

Spring 2024 YMCA Friday Forum Lecture Series

Friday, April 5 @ 12:00pm CST | University YMCA

[Click to view upcoming Friday Forum lectures.](#)

2023-2024 IGI Series on Global Responsibilities "China and the World"

The IGI Series on Global Responsibilities brings multidisciplinary and global perspectives to major contemporary questions. This year's spotlight on China highlights its international presence and influence today. Beyond geopolitics and security topics, series speakers will examine various global issues and questions relating to climate,

trade, technology, economic development, public health, human rights, and higher education.



The next event in the series is hosted by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

"Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion: Elite Power Struggles in the Soviet Union and China after Stalin and Mao"
March 26, 2024 | 12:00 pm

This event will be held virtually over Zoom. To register, please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/Torigian. #>

Joseph Torigian

Research Fellow at Stanford's Hoover History Lab and an Assistant Professor at American University's School of International Service

The series is co-sponsored by: Center for Africa 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; The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies; Program in Arms Control and Domestic and International Security; the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, and the Women & Gender in Global Perspectives Program.

[Click to see the full series of events](#)

Upcoming Campus Events

Hinojosa-Smith Lecture Series: Emma Pérez

A reading and Q&A with the author of *Testimony of a Shifter*

Wednesday March 27th 2024 | Levis 300 | 5:00-6:30pm

Dr. Benito Espinoza may look like a normal man visiting the Grand Library, but he is not what he appears to be. Ben is a shifter, an individual able to switch back and forth between male, female, and nonbinary bodies, but under the totalitarian



Impresario and his White Guards, shifting is a criminal offense. Although he is unwilling, Ben becomes embroiled in a shifter-led rebellion that puts not only his life at risk but endangers the precarious balance barely holding their society together. A fixture of queer, Chicana feminist studies, historian and professor Pérez offers a scathing look at where society could be headed in the midst of woke wars with the criminalization of trans- and gender-nonconforming bodies and the desire to suppress the Other. For fans of Ursula K. Le Guin and Margaret Atwood, *Testimony of a Shifter* is the queer, feminist dystopian novel readers have been searching for.

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Offered: MAY 13-24 | MONDAY-FRIDAY

Announcements





ONLINE | 10 Week Seminar: Indigenous Feminisms: Afghan and Iranian Women's Lives under the Theocratic State offered through The New University in Exile Consortium and the New School for Social Research

Free 10-Week Online Seminar

Open to the Public

Course Description: This 10-week online seminar will provide participants with a deeper understanding of indigenous feminism and the forms of oppression, marginalization, and misrecognition that they are designed to oppose. Focusing on Indigenous women as well as members of sexual minorities, participants will examine the resources offered by intersectional and de-colonial feminist approaches as they are formulated and practiced in Iran and Afghanistan.

[Click for more information and to register](#)

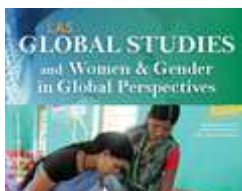
WGGP Programs

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 2021, 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.

[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



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