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# Monthly Perspectives

March ♦ Spring 2024

## Upcoming WGPP Events

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, 2024  
3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor

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

### Celebrate International Women's Day: "12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"

Join us on **March 5, 2024, from 3:30-5:00 PM** at the Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor, for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's seventh annual International Women's Day event. Hosted by the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGPP) and the Humanities Research Institute (HRI), this year's theme is "12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories." We're bringing together faculty, staff, students, and community members to honor women who have made significant contributions to academia and beyond. The event will feature 12 speakers from our university and community, each sharing a 5-

minute story about a woman whose work has profoundly impacted scholarship, their discipline, or academic community life. Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the remarkable achievements of women who have shaped our world. More information is available [here](#).

## Upcoming Transnational Feminist Conference: Common Differences 2: Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)

The Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGGP) and the Department of Gender and Women's Studies (GWS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are thrilled to announce that they have organized the Transnational Feminist Conference, scheduled for **April 4-5, 2024**.

This significant event celebrates the 41st anniversary of the groundbreaking 1983 Conference, "Common Differences: Third World Women and Feminist Perspectives,"

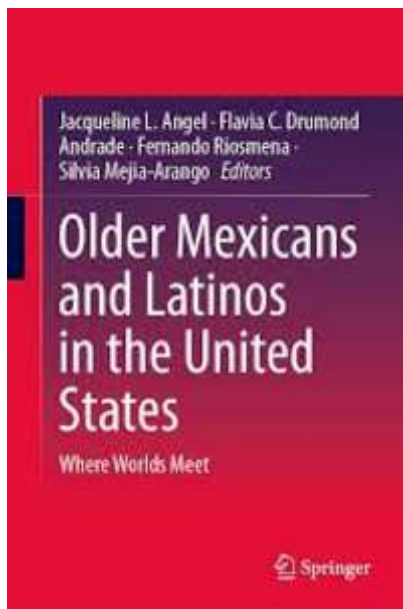
which was originally organized by then-Illinois graduate students Dr. Chandra T Mohanty and Dr. Ann Russo. In keeping with the pioneering spirit of the 1983 conference, four graduate students from WGGP and GWS are at the helm of organizing this year's conference. Amaury J. Rijo Sanchez, Nehal Elmeligy, Marina Moscoso, and Mahbubeh Moqadam. The conference is set to explore the compelling theme of **"Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s)."** As the event approaches, stay tuned for more details about the panels, speakers, and other exciting aspects of the conference. This is an opportunity not just to reflect on the past but to engage with the current and future challenges and victories of transnational feminist movements. To learn more about the conference and its exciting news, [check out this link](#). Looking forward to meeting you all there!



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

## Faculty Awards & Recognitions

Discover new perspectives on the aging process and dementia within Mexican and U.S. Latino communities in Professor [Flávia Andrade](#)'s latest [co-edited book](#), a culmination of insights from the International Conference on Aging in the Americas. [This vital resource](#) delves into the critical challenges and consequences arising from the swift aging of these populations. Dr. Andrade, alongside her collaborative team, offers an in-depth analysis of how rapid demographic shifts affect families, labor markets, and healthcare systems. The book serves as an essential guide for understanding the complex dynamics at play, providing valuable



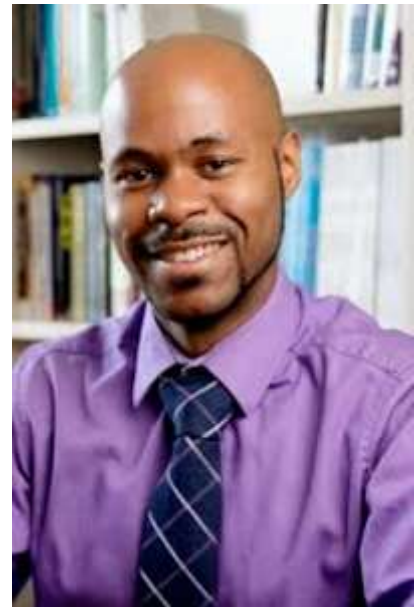
information for researchers, policymakers, and healthcare professionals focused on addressing the unique needs of aging Latino populations.

[Dr. Angharad N. Valdivia](#), Knapp Chair of Liberal Arts at the University of San Diego, offered a comprehensive analysis of the evolving representation of Latina girl culture in U.S. popular culture. The event took place on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Warren Auditorium at the University of San Diego. Dr. Valdivia traced the progression from the pioneering character Dora the Explorer on Nickelodeon to the Latina heroines in the latest Barbie movie, examining their significant roles in elevating Latinas and Latinidad in media visibility and commercial prominence. Her engaging discussion underscored the dynamic presence and influence of Latina characters in the media landscape. [Check out this link for more information.](#)



On February 01, 2024 - Dr. [Ryan Wade](#), professor at the School of Social Work and the WGGP affiliate, published a study titled "Whose Role is It Anyway? Sexual Racism and Sexual Positioning Among Young Sexual Minority Black Men" in the Journal of Sex Research, offering unprecedented insights into the dynamics of sexual racism. The research focuses on the challenges of Racialized Sexual Discrimination (RSD), or "sexual racism," particularly affecting young sexual minority Black men (YSMBM). Despite increased awareness, the intersection of RSD with sexual positioning roles among YSMBM has remained underexplored. Dr. Wade's

research fills this critical gap through an in-depth analysis of survey data from 726 participants, illuminating the complex realities of sexual racism faced by this group. [Here](#), you can read more about the study.



On February 10, 2024 - In a CNN piece, "Why This Year's Super Bowl Is All About the Bathrooms," Dr. [Kathryn Anthony](#), WGGP Faculty Affiliate, provided expert insight into the crucial issue of "potty parity" within stadium design. Her commentary highlights the need for equitable restroom experiences in large venues, emphasizing the importance of thoughtful architecture in public spaces. For an in-depth exploration of this topic, read Nicole Goodkind's full article available [here](#).



On February 11, 2024 - Washington D.C. celebrated the achievements of WGGP affiliate [Dr. Lynne Dearborn](#), Associate Director of Design at UIUC, as she was honored with the Distinguished Professor Award by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA). This accolade is part of the 2024 Architectural Education Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions in building design, community engagement, research, and service by architectural educators. Dr. Dearborn's influential teaching methods and dedication have significantly impacted students, enriching the architectural profession and extending educational insights into practice and public



engagement. For further details on her award and the ACSA honors, please visit [the official announcement](#).

## Campus-wide Funding and other Opportunities

### Lemann Center Research Grants

The Lemann Center at the University of Illinois offers two annual research grants, with a maximum of \$20,000 each, for faculty conducting Brazil-related research. Eligibility requires full-time status and proficiency in Portuguese. The center promotes both individual and collaborative research projects, with the latter encouraging partnerships between U of I faculty and Brazilian institutions. Visit the Lemann Center's [webpage](#) for details and eligibility, or contact their team at [lemann@illinois.edu](mailto:lemann@illinois.edu).

### Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award

The Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award was established through generous gifts from emeriti professors Marianne Ferber and Jean Due.

The Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award is intended to provide financial support for individuals from developing countries conducting dissertation research on gender and development issues, especially research that promises to make a significant contribution to the improvement of women's lives and gender equity in the developing world. Applications are due by **March 15**. For more information, please [check out this link](#).

### Nelle M. Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations

The Nelle M. Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations is awarded to outstanding University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign graduate students for research in international relations (both in the U.S. and abroad). The Nelle M. Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations is funded through a generous gift from the late Nelle M. Signor. Applications are due by **March 15**. [More information is available here](#).

### The Illinois Database of Grants and Fellowships for Graduate Students

*Fellowship Finder* specializes in awards offered by *external* funders: government agencies, private foundations, corporations, and other entities outside of the university. We also include

a handful of campus opportunities, such as those offered by the Graduate College. Best of all, *Fellowship Finder* is a curated database, meaning that real people (we here in the Office of External Fellowships) make sure that the listings we include are truly useful to graduate students. [How does the database work? Let's take a look at this page](#), and to learn about the fellowships that are right for you, [go to this link](#).

## Women in History

March celebrates Women's History Month, a time to acknowledge and promote the essential contributions of women to the history of the United States. Annually, the Women's Resources Center leads the coordination of various activities throughout

the campus to honor the historical achievements of women and organizes events aimed at fostering a world of gender equality. [Find more information here](#).



## Women in History Wednesday



Every week, WGGP celebrates the accomplishments of women associated with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. These series are part of the 150 for 150 website that was created by the Gender Equity Council and the University Library to highlight women who have made significant achievements during their time at the University either as students, staff, faculty, or alumni. [Check this link for more](#)

[information](#).

**This Wednesday, we celebrate Dr. Barbara J. Wilson.**

We are proud to feature Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, whose profound impact and commitment to the University of Illinois paved the way for her current role as the 22nd president of the University of Iowa. Dr. Wilson's journey at Illinois began in 2000 as a faculty member in the Department of Communication. During her six years as Department Head, she drove a 20% growth in faculty while fostering stronger alumni relationships, launching faculty mentoring programs, and broadening the diversity of the student body. Her leadership extended as she took on roles of increasing responsibility, from Vice Provost to Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs, contributing strategic insights and overseeing major initiatives that have left a lasting imprint on the university. Her tenure at Illinois was marked by her collaborative spirit, working with numerous deans and committees and managing the Provost's strategic campus initiatives. Her time as Interim Chancellor was distinguished by the respect she earned across faculty, student, and administrative spheres. As we celebrate her current presidency at the University of Iowa, we reflect on her distinguished 21-year legacy at the University of Illinois, which laid a solid foundation for her ongoing dedication to higher education and her exceptional leadership that continues to inspire excellence and community.

## Campus Events of Interest

### **Women, Money & Power online course open to the public**

Unlock financial empowerment and workforce advancement with the "Women, Money & Power" course, now open to the public at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. This innovative eight-week online program, starting March 20, offers a blend of live lectures and asynchronous content designed to inspire and educate on financial independence and career development. Spearheaded by the financial planning program within the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, the course promises to address challenges women face in financial matters and the workplace, offering practical solutions for financial freedom and success. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights from experts and professionals in the field. Register online to secure your spot and embark on a journey towards empowerment. You can find more information [here](#).

### **The Intensive Language Instruction Program (ILIP) at Illinois**

Dive into a world of languages this Summer 2024 with the Intensive Language Instruction Program (ILIP), formerly known as IFLIP. Whether you're part of the university community or the general public, ILIP offers an engaging, immersive learning experience designed to

accelerate your language acquisition. Enjoy 30 hours of dynamic instruction focused on conversational skills, travel preparation, and essential language survival skills. Our courses are crafted to be enjoyable and impactful, with minimal homework and no strict attendance policy, ensuring a stress-free, enriching experience. Although the program doesn't offer academic credit, the emphasis is on practical language use in fun, culturally rich settings. If you are interested, you can find the registration link [here](#).

## Summer Institute for the Languages of the Muslim World (SILMW)

Since 2008, the University of Illinois's Less Commonly Taught Languages Program has been home to the Summer Institute for the Languages of the Muslim World (SILMW). This program invites participants to learn about the rich languages and cultures of the Muslim World. Students can choose from intensive courses in Arabic, Persian, Swahili, Turkish, and Wolof, all while engaging with seasoned experts in the region. Beyond the classroom, SILMW enriches the language-learning experience with an array of extra-curricular activities that provide deeper cultural understanding and additional language practice. SILMW is dedicated to promoting the study of languages that are increasingly essential in the global landscape and are of strategic importance to US interests. Don't miss the chance to be a part of this program. Learn more and secure your spot by visiting [silmw.linguistics.illinois.edu](http://silmw.linguistics.illinois.edu) before the registration deadline on May 6, 2024.

*If you have news to share about your publications, grants, awards, and innovations, please get in touch with Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at [arkaiser@illinois.edu](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu) or (217) 333-6221. We look forward to hearing from you!*



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