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Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program

Monthly Perspectives

October ♦ Fall 2023



A snapshot of WGGP reception

Thank you for attending!

WGGP hosted a Fall reception on September 6th that was well attended by faculty, students, administrators from across the university. Thank you to all those who took time to join us at our reception! We look forward to continuing to see members of the WGGP community at our upcoming events this year.

With best wishes,
Colleen

Faculty Awards & Recognitions

Congratulations to WGGP Faculty Affiliates for taking on LAS leadership positions!

Congratulations to five of our Faculty affiliates for taking on executive leadership roles in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). They are part of 19 faculty members who have accepted these new leadership positions. Congratulations to:

1. [Flavia Andrade](#) - Director, Lemman Center for Brazilian Studies
2. [Julie Cidell](#) - Head, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science
3. [Erik McDuffie](#) - Acting Director, Center for African Studies
4. [Mariselle Meléndez](#) - Director, School of Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics
5. [Dan Shao](#) - Head, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures

Faculty affiliates ranked as Excellent instructors!

During Spring and Summer semesters 2023, **37 of our faculty affiliates were ranked as excellent instructors**. These include 13 from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 5 from the College of Fine and Applied Arts, 4 from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 4 from the College of Education, 4 from the School of Labor and Employment Relations, 3 from the School of Social Work, 2 from the College of Law, 1 from College of Applied Health Sciences, and 1 from the GIES College of Business. Congratulations!



WGGP Faculty Affiliate and Director of the Humanities Research Institute [Antoinette Burton](#) has been selected to participate in the 2023–24 cohort of the University of Illinois System [Public Voices Fellowship](#). The fellowship is a unique opportunity led by The OpEd Project which is part of a national initiative to help faculty amplify their expertise in ways that can contribute to public conversations about pressing issues.

Antoinette is part of a cohort of 20 faculty members who will attend four sessions held during the 2023–24 academic year and will be paired with a journalism mentor who provides one-on-one editing and coaching, with the goal of publishing two or more op-ed pieces during the program.

Dr. Antoinette Burton, Director Humanities Research Institute

WGGP Student Recognitions

Congratulations to GRID students for presenting at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference!

The American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference 2023 was held in Philadelphia on August 17-21. Four GRID students shared their research through conference presentations. The students who presented include:

1. [Nehal Elmeligy](#) presentation titled "Victim Blaming in Contemporary Egypt: Mainstream Narratives Vs. Feminist Counternarratives"
2. [Mahbubeh Moqadam](#) presentation titled "On Transnational Feminist Solidarity: A Study on Socialist Feminists in the Middle East"
3. [Asha Sawhney](#) presentation titled "Beyond Ethnicity and 'Belonging:' The Global Aspirations of Afghan Refugees in Delhi, India"
4. [Fatou H Jobe](#) presentation titled "Fishmeal Processing as a Catalyst for Women and Youth Solidarity in the Gambia"

GRID Student, Nehal Elmeligy, bags honorable mention for her paper

Congratulations to Nehal Elmeligy for receiving honorable mention for her paper titled [Airing Egypt's Dirty Laundry: BuSSy's Storytelling as Feminist Social Change](#) at the American Sociological Association Conference held at Philadelphia in August.

WGGP Event: In Focus

As part of the IGI series 'China and the World', WGGP hosted Lü Pin, a PhD student in political science at Rutgers University to talk about "Resilience Amidst Repression: The Chinese Feminist Movement in the Era of Escalating Authoritarianism." In 2009 in China, Lü Pin and colleagues organized Feminist Voices, a social media platform that aimed to call attention to a lack of women's rights in their country. Because of growing pressure against the group by the Chinese government, Lü Pin relocated to the U.S. in 2015 and when Feminist Voices was ultimately banned in 2018, she turned her attention to organizing women in the diaspora to create a national feminist network.



Lü Pin noted that even when the government used its power to jail activists, shut down media sites, and stigmatize the women's rights movement, "women can transfer inaction into action" by refusing to conform to stereotyped gender roles and rejecting predetermined life choices. A recording of her talk is available to view [here](#).

WGGP Events to look out for!

A poster for the Illinois Global Institute Women & Gender in Global Perspectives Program. The top section is dark blue with white text: "ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE" and "WOMEN & GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM". Below this is a white section with black text: "FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION SESSION" and "American Association of University Women". The text "Information Session led by Dana Johnson, PhD" and "Assistant Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College" is also present. A dark blue box contains the date and time: "Friday, October 6th 12-1:30 PM", the location: "306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street", and the URL: "https://go.illinois.edu/AAUWInfo". At the bottom, there is a QR code and a small logo with the letters "e" and "i".



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Lunch included with Registration
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AAUW Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. This information session will focus on AAUW's International & American Fellowships. Current submission deadline is November 15, 2023.



[Click here for a complete list of WGGP Fall 2023 events](https://go.illinois.edu/AAUWInfo)



Women in History Wednesday

Every week WGGP celebrates 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.

This Wednesday we celebrated Reshma Saujani who graduated from the University of Illinois in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Speech Communication. She was the founder of the organization Girls Who Code, started in 2012. She is also the first Indian American woman and the first South Asian American woman to run for Congress. In 2015, Fortune magazine named Reshma to their "40 Under 40" list.

You can find the series every Wednesday on WGGP [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#). You can learn more about the 150 for 150 website [here](#).

WGGP Funding Opportunities

WGGP Event Programming Support now available!

The Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program invites University of Illinois faculty to apply for funding to support event programming with an emphasis on gender equity globally. This funding is available to support programming such as conferences, symposia, workshops, or lectures that align with WGGP's mission. Preference will be given to programming that includes the Global South. More details can be found [here](#).

Campus-wide Funding and other Opportunities

2024–25 HRI Fellowships: "Think Again..."

HRI grants fellowships to Illinois faculty and graduate students, who spend the year engaged in research and writing. [Faculty fellows](#) are provided with one semester of release time and research funds. [Graduate student fellows](#) are given a stipend and a tuition and partial fee waiver for the academic year of the award. The theme for **2024–25 fellowship year will be “Think Again...”**

HRI welcomes applications from all disciplines and departments with an interest in humanities and humanities-inflected research. For more information about the fellowships and deadline, please visit the [HRI Fellowships](#) page.



Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowships support graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who show promise of leading their fields in important

new directions. The fellowships are designed to intervene at the formative stage of dissertation development, before research and writing are advanced.

The total award includes a \$40,000 stipend for the fellowship year, as well as up to \$3,000 for research and travel, and up to \$5,000 in professional development funds to support skills acquisition or additional research to support innovative/expansive directions. An additional \$2,000 is available as a stipend for the external mentor. The deadline to apply is **October 25th, 2023**. For more details, visit the Mellon/ACLS [website](#).

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Scholarships

The AAUW offers a range of scholarships to domestic and international women students to pursue their academic research or community-based projects. The [International Fellowship Program](#) provides support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career. Opportunities for domestic students range from [dissertation completion fellowships](#) to [community action grants](#). The deadline to apply is **November, 15th**. You can find more information on AAUW [website](#).

Organize & Analyze: Social Movements Reading Group

Join a multi-disciplinary reading group on social movements. This reading group focuses on global working-class social movements. We will begin with theories of social movements to develop a shared vocabulary, then delve into movement history and analyses of contemporary struggles. We plan to meet biweekly to discuss a range of both theoretical and empirical texts alongside cultural expressions of movements via short stories, plays, and poems. We hope our readings and discussions will inform our intellectual development, political education, and praxis.

To join you can get in touch with: [Soraya Cipolla](#) (Department of French & Italian), [Chelsea Birchmier](#) (Department of Psychology), [Karla Sanabria](#) (School of Social Work), [Essam Elkorghli](#) (Department of Education Policy), [Marcos Alarcón-Olivos](#) (History Department)

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 or (217) 333-6221. We look forward to hearing from you!



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