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## WGGP Upcoming Events

**THIS WEEK: "Feminist Collective Action in the Gambia"**

**Friday | February 24 | 11am**  
online via Zoom

**Speaker: Jama Jack**

*Communication specialist and feminist activist*

In her talk, Jama Jack will share her knowledge and experiences of feminist collective action in The Gambia, highlighting key examples of movement building from historical movements for

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[Click here to register](#)

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## Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Countries

**Frehiwot G. Girmay**  
Lecturer and Researcher, Aksum Institute of Technology, Aksum University, Ethiopia

**March 1, 2023, 12pm CST**  
Virtual via Zoom  
Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/GirmayAI>

Frehiwot Girmay is an Ethiopian-born from Nigeria, Nigeria-based scholar and activist, a member of Women in AI Ethics and Black in AI, Women in Machine Learning and Ethical Society of Nigeria. Frehiwot's publications cover topics such as machine learning, data mining, mobile computing and human computer interaction.

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## WGGP Co-sponsored Events

**Spring 2023 YMCA Friday Forum Lecture Series | Our Community  
in Action: Advancing Social Justice in Champaign Urbana and  
Beyond**

**Friday, February 24 @ 12:00pm CST | University YMCA**

Speaker: **Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff**

Co-sponsored by WGPP and others. [Click to view upcoming Friday  
Forum lectures.](#)



**Spring 2023 Career Day**

March 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | 306 Coble Hall

Current students and recent alumni are invited to a career diversity day focusing on using foreign language, area studies, and thematic studies in the job market. [View details](#)



**Registration closes TODAY, Feb. 20**

To register, click [here](#).

The **15th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS15)** will be held from **March 3-4, 2023** at the Illini Union **Room 407**.

The conference theme for ILLS15 is ***“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Bilingualism.”***

Speakers:

**Dr. Lydia White** (McGill University)

**Dr. Barbara Bullock** (The University of Texas at Austin)

**Dr. Johanne Paradis** (University of Alberta)

**Dr. Viorica Marian** (Northwestern University)



[Click here to register](#)



Francine Hirsch

## Holding Putin Accountable for "Crimes Against Peace"

Wednesday, March 8th | 12pm

via Zoom

*This brown bag talk, organized by the European Union Center, is part of the Illinois Global Institute's Spring 2023 Series, "The Global Impacts of War in Ukraine." [Details here](#)*

[Register here](#)

## Women in Science - March Lecture

March 9, 2023, 12:00-1:00 pm CT

Speaker: **Dr. Heidi Imker**

*Director of Research Data Service and Associate Professor at the University Library*



[Register here](#)

[Click to view upcoming Women in Science lectures.](#)

# International Women's Day

## "12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"

Wednesday | March 8, 2023

3:30pm-5:00pm

**Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor**  
**Live Stream at [go.illinois.edu/IWD2023](https://go.illinois.edu/IWD2023)**

**International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8th.**

The Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGPP) and the Humanities Research Institute (HRI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are co-hosting our fifth annual event, "12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories" bringing together faculty, staff, students, and community members to recognize people who have made a difference in academia.

The event will feature 12 featured speakers from across our university and community.

Each speaker will have 5 minutes to tell the story of a woman who made important contributions to the scholarship, discipline and/or broader academic community life.

**Mark your calendars for International Women's Day 2023!**



Introducing our seventh guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Mairéad Martin!** Mairéad joined the University of Illinois and Technology Services in July 2022 after serving three years as the CIO of EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education through the use of information technology. See full updates on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!

Our eighth guest speaker for International Women's Day is **Sara Bartumeus!** Sara Bartumeus Ferré is a professor at the School of Architecture, and also teaches in the Master's Program in Landscape Architecture at the ETSAB and in the Department of Urbanism and Territorial Planning at the ETSAB in Barcelona, Spain. She has been a member of the Barcelona City

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 The Grainger College  
 of Engineering

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 Learning Lab,  
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 Professor, College of Law

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 Executive Director,  
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 Counseling, & Education  
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**Mairéad Martin**  
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 Practice, Krannert Center  
 for Performing Arts

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council's Architecture Committee and of the COAC's Advisory Committee in Urban Planning and Landscape.



## Upcoming Campus Events

### **The Double Life of Nika: A Story of the Generation Z in the 2022 Revolutionary Movement in Iran**

Tuesday | February 21 | 12pm

Zoom | [Register here](#)

Mahbubeh Moqadam develops an argument that in the current movement, generation Z wants to extend its life on *unreal* digital lands" to its *real* homeland, which might be useful to analyze the incredible presence of young people in the ongoing social movement in Iran. [More info here](#)



### **Gay Erotica in the Post-Soviet Sexual Revolution, 1990-98**

Tuesday | February 21 | 12pm

306 Coble Hall

With the collapse of the USSR, Russian society experienced a sexual revolution in which it became possible to discuss, create, and consume sexuality in new ways and on a greater order of magnitude than had been previously possible. [More details](#)

### **LAS Dean's Distinguished Lecture: Dr Lisa J. Lucero | "Ancestral Maya Sustainability, Climate Change, and Insights for Today"**

Wednesday | February 22 | 4pm | Illini Union, Illini Room A

[See more details](#)

*PhD Preliminary Dissertation Defense:*

**Soñamos Vida Digna: An Ethnographic Account of Puerto Rican Feminists' Experiences with Organizing and Activism | [Amaury J. Rijo Sánchez](#)**

2:00pm CST | Friday, February 24, 2023 | via Zoom ([click here for details](#))

**Global Citizenship Education: Promoting Equity Throughout the World**

Thursday | March 2, 2023 | 12:00 pm | Location TBA

[See details](#)

**Un/Doing Lecture: "Black Freedom on Native Land: Reconsidering Reconstruction"**

Thursday | March 9 | 7:30pm

Levis Faculty Center, Room 422

[View details](#)



## Women in History Wednesday



**Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!**

**Nadya Mason** joined the faculty of the Department of Physics at the University of Illinois in 2005. She became the first African American woman to receive tenure in the College of Engineering. [See more](#)

**This series is displayed every Wednesday on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).**

*Women featured in our weekly series are part of the 150 for 150 website Celebrating the Accomplishments of Women at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The website 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.*

[Click here for 150 for 150 website](#)

## Faculty Affiliate News

### Rachel C Garthe receives Alberti Center Early Career Award

This award recognizes Rachel C. Garthe, PhD, who has made exemplary scholarly contributions to the field of bullying abuse prevention and conducted research that has the potential to influence practice and policy. [Read the full story.](#)

[Rachel Cheree Garthe's Faculty Affiliate Profile](#)

To learn more about becoming a WGGP Faculty Affiliate, please contact WGGP Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at [arkaiser@illinois.edu](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu) or (217) 333-6221.

## February's Alumni Spotlight: Linda Semu

*The Alumni Spotlight showcases previous GRID students and where they are since graduating from UIUC through an interview format.*

**Current position:** Professor of Sociology

**Location:** Maryland, USA

**What is the focus of your current work and/or subject of your current research?**

As a Comparative International Sociologist, my research, publication and teaching focuses on the intersection of gender; international development; social change; health; race; immigration; family; youth, orphans and vulnerable children.





[Click here for full interview](#)

## Announcements

### Research & Faculty News

- **Within-job gender pay gap persists**
  - WGGP faculty affiliate **Eunmi Mun** co-wrote a research paper that shows despite great advances in the fight for gender equality and equal pay, there still exists pay discrepancies for women working in the same jobs as their male coworkers. [Read the full article here](#)
- **Researchers target estrogen receptor to slow growth and metastasis of breast cancer**
  - This ground-breaking research can be used in the treatment of other cancer types, such as cancers of the ovary and brain, tissues that also "express good levels of ER beta receptors." [Read more](#)



### Leadership Book Club: "The Light We Carry" by Michelle Obama

ILC Conference Room, Illini Union, Suite 290 | Feb 21, 2023 | 4:00 pm

Join the Illinois Leadership Center as they open a dialogue on how we, as individuals and communities, stay "hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world" through Michelle Obama's book. [Self-paced](#) and in-person participation options available. [More details](#)

[NEW COURSE — Education for Global Environmental Sustainability.](#) Need an eight-week course for the second half of Spring 2023? Check out EPOL 421, an introduction to the field of sustainability education — an opportunity to promote social and environmental justice and "sustainability" in a globalized world.

[SPRING COURSE — Evaluating Energy: Brazil Challenge](#). This late spring eight-week Global Classroom/Study Abroad offering will challenge students to think about how companies can develop a plan to transition a country's energy mix and infrastructure to support a lower carbon future. The course will blend in-person and online classroom learning, field trips, and guest lectures, as well as a trip to Brazil!

### **Princeton University Press - Supporting Diverse Voices: Book Proposal Development Grants**

We are excited to announce the fifth cycle of PUP's Supporting Diverse Voices: Book Proposal Development Grants, in support of non-fiction works by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in the social sciences. [See more details](#)

## **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](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

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



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