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WGGP Upcoming Events

Graduate Student Book Discussion:

"Hungry Translations: Relearning the World through Radical Vulnerability" by Dr. Richa Nagar

**Friday | February 17 | 4pm CST
via Zoom**

Led by: GRID Students **Anissa Chitwanga and Marwah Malik**



Limited Supply of Complimentary Books Available for Book Discussion Participants, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu.

[Click here to register](#)

"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 women's empowerment to more contemporary feminist movement building led by young feminist organizers working on a range of issues geared towards the liberation of women, girls and other marginalized groups.

[Click here to register](#)

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Virtual via Zoom
Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/JamaTalk>

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Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Countries
Mar 1, 2023 | 12:00 pm | via Zoom

Frehiwot G. Girmay

Aksum Institute of Technology, Aksum University, Ethiopia



Frehiwot Girmay's publications cover topics such as Machine Learning, Data mining, mobile computing and human computer interaction. [See details](#)

Register here

WGGP Co-sponsored Events

Building a House United: A Local Conversation in the Land of Lincoln

Wednesday | Feb 15, 2023 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Heritage Hall, I Hotel and Conference Center (1900 1st St.,
Champaign)

Concerned about divisive politics? Join us for a campus-community town hall with a panel of experts on political polarization to answer your questions. We will reflect on how we got here and what we can do to move forward. [More details here](#)



Featured Panelists:

Bill Doherty

Co-founder of Braver Angels and Professor, Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Scott Althaus

Director of the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, Merriam Professor, Department of Political Science

Avital Livny

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Colleen Murphy

*Director of the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, Roger and Stephany Joslin Professor of Law,
Professor of Philosophy and of Political Science*

Faculty and Staff event

"Bridging the Divide: Strategies for Building Connections Across Political Polarization"

Thursday, February 16th | 10am-12pm | Room 3080

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Join Braver Angels founder and University of Minnesota professor Bill Doherty as he leads a conversation with campus staff and faculty on the steps we can take to increase dialogue and cooperation in a time of increasing political polarization. Box lunches will be provided.

[Register here](#)

Student conversation

"Depolarizing the Political: How To Work Together In Politically Tense Times"

Thursday, February 16th | 6-8:30pm

University YMCA Latzer Hall (1001 S. Wright St., Champaign)

Join Bill Doherty, political polarization expert and marriage therapist, University of Minnesota professor, and founder of Braver Angels, for an interactive conversation for Illinois students about the political divide, and ways we can depolarize the discourse. Dinner is provided.

[Register here](#)

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

Friday, February 17 @ 12:00pm CST

University YMCA

Speakers: **Angela Smith, Amy Bloomberg, and Brandon Caffey**

Moderated by Imani Bazzell, Center for Civic Engagement and Social Justice

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 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](#)

Women in Science - February Lecture

Speaker: **Dr. Heidi Imker**

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

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

Dr. Imker will present her research on molecular biology databases, research data management and her role as Director of Research Data Service. You can register at <https://go.illinois.edu/WomeninScienceMar2023>.

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



Save the Date: 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

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

The Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGGP) 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.

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 Deborah Frank Feinen Mayor of Champaign	 Venetia Patton Harry E. Fosble Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences			
 Charlotte Davidson Director, Native American House	 Rashid Bashir Dean, The Grainger College of Engineering	 Mariselle Meléndez Interim Director, School of Literature, Cultures & Linguistics	 Katie Shumway Director of Community Learning Lab, School of Social Work	 Yulanda Curtis Clinical Associate Professor, College of Law
 Sera Barthelemy Ferré Associate Professor, School of Architecture	 Ollie Watts Davis Suzanne and William Allen Distinguished Professor, Music	 Jaye Kolsetty Executive Director, RAEES (Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services)	 Maine-Rad Martin Chief Information Officer, Technology Services	 Sam Smith Director of Client Engagement and Social Practice, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

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

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 fifth guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Ollie Watts Davis**! Dr. Ollie Watts Davis is the Suzanne and William Allen Distinguished Professor of Music, Professor of Voice, Provost's Fellow, and Artistic Director and Conductor of the Black Chorus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 2018, she was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award, and was named a University Scholar in 2008, one of the highest honors bestowed upon a member of the faculty at the University of Illinois.

Introducing our sixth guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Jaya Kolisetty**! As the Executive Director for Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services (RACES), Jaya has worked in multiple roles, ranging from prevention educator, training and education coordinator, interim assistant director, and associate director. She is the first woman of color to be named Executive Director of RACES.



Upcoming Campus Events

Climate Change: Perspectives from France and Italy (Conversations on Europe)

Tuesday | February 14 | 11am

Zoom | [Register here](#)

Topics cover such varied subjects as the effects of Brexit, environmental issues, democracy in Europe, migration, and recovery of Nazi-looted art. [More information](#)

"Black Bodies and French Colonial History: Beyoncé and Jay Z's *Apeshit* at the Louvre"

Wednesday | Feb 15, 2023 | 12:00 pm

108 Coble Hall and Zoom



Dr. Felisa Vergara Reynolds Examines French colonialism and post-colonialism history by analyzing the lyrics of Beyoncé and Jay-Z's (The Carters) *Apeshit* song at the Louvre Museum, Paris.

"Humanitarian and Medical Challenges of Wartime: The Evacuation of Children Diagnosed with Cancer and Blood Disorders from Ukraine"

Thursday | February 16 | 4pm

Lucy Ellis Lounge

Please join the European Union Center at the University of Illinois for this panel discussion about this extraordinary collaborative, international effort in response to the largest military emergency in Europe since World War II. [Click for more information.](#)



CLACS Lecture Series: "Sustainability in the Galapagos Islands: learning lessons of a work in progress"

Friday | February 17 | 3pm

Lincoln Hall 1028

Dr. Arturo Izurieta Valery, Coordinator of Grupo Oceanos, Costas e Islas (CEDENMA) in Ecuador, and Tinker Visiting Professor at the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford. [More information](#)

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](#)

Fellowships & Funding

WGGP Graduate Fellowships & Awards

WGGP holds an annual competition for graduate student awards with a deadline mid-February. We offer two full fellowships through the **Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship** and the **Barbara A. Yates International Fellowship**. We also have smaller research awards through the **Accad & Vieille International Research** and the **Due & Ferber International Research** award.



Applications due THIS WEEK: February 16, 2023

Visit WGGP's website for details

New Frontiers PhD Fellowships 2023-2024

The New Frontiers Graduate Fellowships provide PhD students with a year of full-time research support, including a \$38,000 stipend, up to \$12,000 in tuition allowance, and an allocation of 50,000 hours on NCSA's [Delta](#) computing system. Funding is provided by the National Science Foundation.

Applications are now being accepted for fellowships to occur between August of 2023 and July of 2024.

The deadline for applications is March 6, 2023.

Click here for more information

Dr. Elena Kopteva: The Global Impacts of the War in Ukraine - Family and War

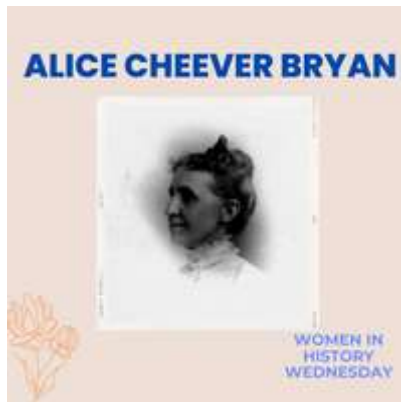
In case you missed the event, the recording from Dr. Elena Kopteva's talk is now live!

[Head to WGGP's website](#) to access the recording. This talk was part of the Illinois Global Institute Speaker Series, "The Global Impacts of the War in Ukraine." Dr. Kopteva discussed the profound- and in many ways devastating- impact of the war on her family both immediate and extended.

[Access recording here](#)



Women in History Wednesday



Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

Alice Cheever Bryan was among the first class of female graduates at the University of Illinois. She graduated in 1874 with a degree in the Humanities. [See more](#)

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

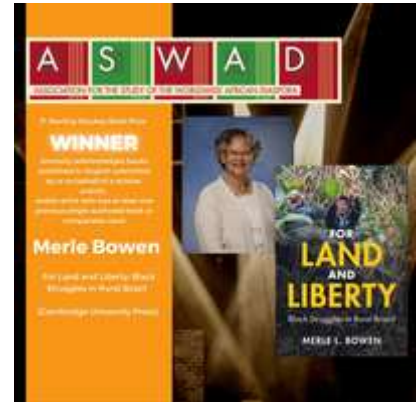
Women featured in our weekly series are part of the 150 for 150 website Celebrating the Accomplishments of Women at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The website was created by the Gender Equity Council and the University Library to highlight women who have made significant achievements during their time at the University either as students, staff, faculty, or alumni.

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

Faculty Affiliate News

Merle L. Bowen awarded the 2022 ASWAD Book Prize

WGPP Faculty Affiliate Merle Bowen was awarded the 2022 ASWAD P. Sterling Stuckey Book Prize for her book, *For Land and Liberty: Black Struggles in Rural Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2021). She will attend the ASWAD ceremony and conference in Accra, Ghana in August. [Read the full story.](#)



[Merle L. Bowen's Faculty Affiliate Profile](#)

To learn more about becoming a WGPP Faculty Affiliate, please contact WGPP Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at 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

Faculty News

- WGGP Director, **Colleen Murphy**, appeared last week on the *Penny for Your Thoughts* podcast to speak on political polarization. [Listen to the full podcast here](#), starting at around minute 38.
- **Colleen Murphy** also appears in a column in the News-Gazette and shares her thoughts on the political divide in America. Her article, titled [My Turn | American divide eerily reminiscent of Northern Ireland](#), is available to read now.



TODAY: Worker Voice with a Gender Lens: New opportunities to increase inclusion and equity in supply chains



The International Center for Research on Women will host an event to discuss how gender-targeted data can help suppliers create inclusive programs, improve their bottom-line performance, and empower women workers. [See details](#)

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](#)

[Voyager Scholarship Information Session:](#)

Feb 17, 2023 4:00 - 5:00 pm
1022 Lincoln Hall

This award provides rising juniors with up to \$25,000 in financial aid for your remaining years at the university, as well as \$10,000 for a summer experience after their junior year, and \$2,000 annually for 10 years to travel after graduation. [More info](#)

New Additions to the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following materials to the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law: A lecture on [Sexual Violence and other Gender-based Crimes in the Jurisprudence of International Criminal Courts and Tribunals](#), by [Ms. Valerie Oosterveld](#), Professor, Associate Director at the Centre for Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction at the University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Law.

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 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.**

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



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