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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.

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

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WGGP Co-sponsored Events

IGPA Faculty Coffee - UN Apparatuses on Elimination of Gender Discrimination



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February 7, 2023 from 2-3 PM CST

Please Join Us

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs in partnership with the [European Union Center](#) and the [Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program](#), invites faculty and administrators within the University of Illinois System to a presentation on international structures on the prevention of violence against women and the promotion of equality for women on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 2-3 PM CST**, in person and virtually.

This event is held in partnership with the European Union Center and the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program. The discussion will be led by two women who are experts in gender discrimination and are working in high-profile roles on these issues at the United Nations.



Melissa Upreti is an internationally recognized human rights lawyer and feminist activist who has spent over two decades advancing gender equality by using national, regional, and international law and mechanisms, and engaging with governments to ensure accountability. She has led mega-research projects and fact-finding missions, undertaken strategic litigation, built the capacity of civil society organizations and provided technical support to governments for legal and policy reform. She frequently lectures on women's rights and is widely published. Upreti was appointed to the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, a Special Procedure of the Human Rights Council, in 2017 and served as Chair of the Working Group from 2021-2022. She is also a Fellow in the University of Toronto Law Faculty's International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program.



Ruth Halperin-Kaddari is an expert on family law and international women's rights, and is the Founding Director of the Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar-Ilan University Law Faculty in Israel, where she serves as a Professor. In December 2018 she completed three terms (twelve years) on the UN Committee on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), during which she also served twice as the Vice-Chair of the Committee, and as the first Chair of the Working Group on Inquiry. A graduate of Yale Law School (J.D., 1982), she has published extensively in her areas of expertise, including a book on Women in Israel that was published by University of Pennsylvania Press.

This is a hybrid event offered on Zoom and at IGPA's Chicago Office at 1253 S. Halstead, Chicago, IL 60607. For in-person attendees, information will be provided regarding parking and building entry after registration. For virtual attendees, the Zoom link will be sent after registration.

To register for the event, please visit the [registration link](#).



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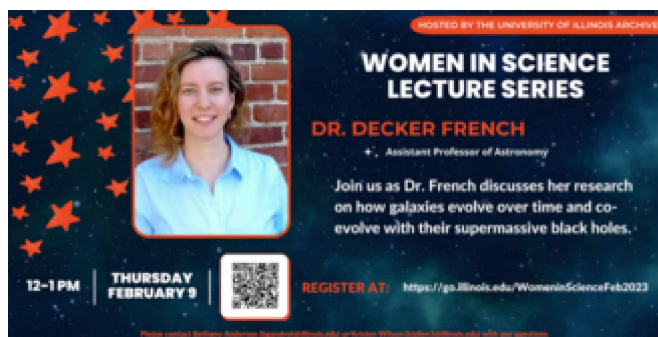
Register here for the event

Women in Science - February Lecture

Speaker: **Dr. Decker French**
Assistant Professor of Astronomy

February 7, 2023, 12:00-1:00 pm CT

Join us as **Dr. Decker French** discusses her research on how galaxies evolve and co-evolve with their supermassive black holes. You can register at <https://go.illinois.edu/WomeninScienceFeb2023>.



The University of Illinois Archives is hosting a monthly **Women in Science Lecture Series** that will feature speakers from across the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's diverse and multidisciplinary scientific enterprise. This lecture series will take place over Zoom on the second Thursday of every month from noon to 1:00pm CST.

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

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

**Friday, February 10 @ 12:00pm CST
University YMCA**

**Speakers: Lou Turner, Liza Sylvestre, and
Christopher Jones**

*Moderated by Sam Smith, Krannert Center
for the Performing Arts*



Description: Please join the University YMCA
and [Diversity & Social Justice Education](#) for

our Spring 2023 Friday Forum / Conversation Cafe series, *Our Community in Action: Advancing Social Justice in Champaign Urbana and Beyond*. We will hear from community leaders tackling our most pressing public concerns through an unwavering pursuit of social justice. As we enter the 150th year of the University YMCA, we are excited to present this 96th season of Friday Forum!

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

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

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7 to 8:30 p.m.
I Hotel and Conference Center
Heritage Hall**
1900 S. 1st St., Champaign
Free parking
Doors open and refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to register:
go.illinois.edu/BraverAngels
Registration would be appreciated by February 8. When you register, you will have an opportunity to submit a question to be considered for the Q&A.

To request disability-related accommodations for this event, please email diversity@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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Moderators:

Matt Hausman

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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)

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ILS 15 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Bilingualism

March 3-4, 2023
Illini Union 407

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PLENARY SPEAKERS

Lydia White
Assessing Linguistic Competence: Why and How

Viorica Marian
The Power of Language: How the Codes We Use to Think, Speak, and Live Transform Our Minds

Johanne Paradis
The bilingual development of Syrian refugee children over 3 years post-resettlement in Canada

Barbara Bullock
On the nature and limits of code-switching

To learn more, visit:






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 (WGWP) 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,



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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 third guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Mariselle Meléndez**! Mariselle is Professor of Colonial Spanish American Literatures and Cultures and LAS Alumni Distinguished Professorial Scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Her research focuses on issues of race and gender in colonial Spanish America with special interest in the eighteenth century, the cultural phenomenon of the Enlightenment, food studies, environmental studies, as well as visual studies.

Our fourth guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Sam Smith**! As Krannert Center's Director of Civic Engagement and Social Practice, Sam works to capture the increasing social impact of the Center's engagement practice in local, national, and international contexts and along the thematic lines that reflect the Center's commitment to social justice. Sam's interests and projects include work in schools, in local and regional communities and in international development projects in Malawi and Sierra Leone.



Upcoming Campus Events

"The Land Question in Brazil: Insights from the Colonial Era and the Present"

TODAY | February 6 | 3:30pm

Coble Hall 306



CLACS Lecture series welcomes Dr. Carmen Alveal (Professor of History) and Dr. Julie Cavignac (Professor of Anthropology) from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil to give their insights on the history of Brazil. [See more](#)



"Critical Futures: Re-Imagining Academia's Relevance"
Tuesday | February 7 | 7:30pm
Levis Faculty Center, Rm. 300

Futurity, or the intentional imagining and materializing of liberated futures—where freedom from oppression, trauma, violence, and discrimination are realized—inspires this talk. **Dr. Amber Johnson** will discuss their methods for conjuring the world and communities in which we want to live and thrive. This talk will empower scholars from various disciplines to imagine alternatives to the political, social, academic, and oppressive present via an imaginative approach to scholarship and publishing. [Read full description here](#)



Research Park Opportunities for Non-STEM Students
Friday | February 10 | 12pm
Illini Union 210 General Lounge

Join us to learn about Research Park Opportunities for Non-STEM Students. Research Park internships are not just for engineering students! Hear from a panel of current Illinois students who work within the Research Park in areas like HR, communications, engagement, and operations. [Learn more](#)



"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. She will also provide the historical context and the significance of the specific art choice the Carters' used in the video within the Louvre.

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 February 16, 2023

Visit WGGP's website for details

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- RITA AND ARNOLD GOODMAN FELLOWSHIP, \$14,000
- BARBARA A. YATES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP*, \$14,000
 *Must be GRID Students
- EVELYNNE ACCAD AND PAUL VIEILLE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD, up to \$3,000 ***Must have research in North Africa or Middle East

Application and submission details at
<https://go.illinois.edu/WGGPFellowships>

Deadline: February 16, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.
 More information at <https://wggp.illinois.edu/>

Please direct questions to Anita Kaiser arkaiser@illinois.edu or (217) 333-6221

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LEMANN CENTER FOR BRAZILIAN STUDIES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Applications due Monday, February 6

The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies offers fellowships to matriculated University of Illinois graduate students doing research about Brazil. The Lemann Graduate fellowship is open to all UIUC advanced graduate students who are developing research on Brazil. Graduate and professional students at UIUC enrolled in a graduate degree program with a substantial focus on Brazil are strongly encouraged to apply.

See details and application

WERNER BAER DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The Lemann Center's Werner Baer Doctoral Fellowship supports UIUC students who are either 1) incoming graduate students from Brazil (i.e., citizens of Brazil) who are pursuing a doctorate in the social sciences, or 2) dissertation-level students (of any nationality) conducting social science research on Brazil in select departments.

Deadline: Monday, February 6

More information and submission details: <https://lemann.illinois.edu/werner-baer-fellowship/>

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 informaiton

Museums, Monuments, & Memory Workshop Recordings Now Live

In case you missed the 2-day event, all recordings of from the "Museums, Monuments, and Memory: Memory and Heritage Panel" are now live!

[Head to WGGP's website](#) to access all 5 recordings. Learn from representatives from the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Center (NPC), the president/CEO of the Japanese American Museum, and professors from the University of Illinois and Kyushu University in Japan.

Access all recordings here



Women in History Wednesday



Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

Amelia Darling Alpin Stern graduated in 1896 with a degree in English and Modern Languages. She is said to be the first female Jewish student to graduate from the University of Illinois and was a founding member of the University's first sorority, Pi Beta Phi. [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

Antoinette Burton

HRI Director and WGGP Faculty Affiliate **Antoinette Burton** has been named to the Illinois Humanities Board. [Illinois Humanities](#) is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community, and strengthen civic engagement. [Read the announcement](#)

[Antoinette Burton's faculty affiliate profile](#)

To learn more about becoming a WGGP Faculty Affiliate, please contact WGGP 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

Research News

- A month after the Taliban abruptly banned women from colleges and universities in Afghanistan, U.S. institutions are trying to help them back into academe any way they can. [Read more](#)

[HRI-We CU Research Assistantship](#)

Applications are now open to humanities PhD students for a yearlong RA-ship with the [We CU Community Engaged Scholars Program](#). We CU empowers undergraduate and graduate students to make a positive impact in the community while building their resume and enriching their university experience. **Graduate students with a commitment to racial and social equity in public engagement should [apply by 2/10!](#)**



Interested in studying abroad in Cape Town? Click the link below or visit the QR codes to find out more information on GLOBL 298, a study abroad course offered for POT B. Sponsored by LAS International Programs.

[GLOBL 298 details](#)

Celebrate International Women's Day with your creative artwork! Photography was the art form in the past, and we are now open to other forms of art!

Submit your artwork by February 28, 2023. Awards will be announced during International Education event on March 8, 2023.



<https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1921312990?referrer=https://shibboleth.illinois.edu/>

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.**

Certificate in Global Health

Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate



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