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# Weekly E-news

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## WGGP Events This Week

### Honoring Kiswahili with Technology and Community

Speaker: **Kathleen Siminyu**

**October 13th | 9am CST**

Online **via Zoom**

**Kathleen Siminyu** is an AI Researcher focused on Natural Language Processing(NLP) for African Languages. She works at Mozilla Foundation as a Machine Learning Fellow to support

the development of a Kiswahili Common Voice dataset and to build speech transcription models for end use cases in the agricultural and financial domains. See more

[Click to register](#)



## Exploring Place-Based Adaptation to Climate Change: Perspectives from Andean South America and Southern Africa

**Thursday, October 13 | 2:00-3:30 pm**  
**Public Panel Discussion**  
**300 Levis Faculty Center**

The University of Illinois is excited to welcome distinguished guests from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Zambia for a robust discussion on place-based adaptation to climate change around the world. [Click here for more details](#)

## Muddying Waters: Book Discussion

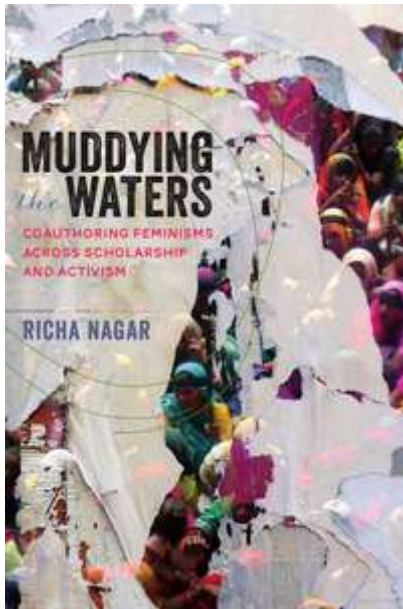
*2-day event*

**Friday, Oct. 14 @4pm**

virtual via **Zoom**

**Registration required\***

In addition to the public talk, WGGP will coordinate a virtual book discussion led by graduate students on Friday, October 14th starting at 4pm.



WGGP will also give away free copies of the book to the first 50 registrants for the book discussion.

[Register here](#)

## WGGP Upcoming Events

### Muddying the Waters: An Author's Talk

*2-day event*

Speaker: **Dr. Richa Nagar**

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

**October 17 @4pm**

**300 Levis Faculty Center**

**Dr. Richa Nagar** will give a public talk on her book, "Muddying the Waters: Coauthoring Feminisms across Scholarship and Activism." Her multi-lingual and multi-genre work blends scholarship, creative writing, theatre, and activism to build alliances with people's struggles and to engage questions of ethics, responsibility, and justice. [See more](#)



### Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor Information Session

**Oct 21, 2022 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street, Champaign**



Come join us to hear about our Graduate Minor- Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) on Friday, October 21st from 12-1pm. **Lunch provided with pre-registration.**

[Register here](#)

## "Pedagogy and Politics: Enacting Alternative Maps for Creating Communities of Practice"

Oct. 28 | 12 pm | via Zoom

Speaker: [Dr. Koni Benson](#)

[Dr. Koni Benson](#) is a historian, organizer, and educator. She is a lecturer in the Department of History at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

[Click here to register](#)

[Click here for a complete list of Fall 2022 Events](#)



## WGPP October Events



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## OCTOBER 2022 EVENTS

Oct. 7 | 12-1pm CST

**YMCA Friday Forum: Anthony Brown**  
University YMCA, 1001 S. Wright St

Oct. 13 | 9am CST Virtual via Zoom

**Honoring Kiswahili with  
Technology and Community**

Speaker: Kathleen Siminyu

Register: <https://go.illinois.edu/Siminyutalk>

Oct. 13 | 12pm CST Virtual via Zoom

**Women in Science: October Lecture**

Speaker: Dr. Imanni Sheppard

Oct. 13 | 2-3:30pm CST

**Exploring Place-Based Adaptation  
to Climate Change**

300 Levis Faculty Center, 919 W. Illinois St

Oct. 14 | 4pm CST Virtual via Zoom

**Muddying the Waters: Book Discussion**

Register: <http://go.illinois.edu/Nagar>

Oct. 14 | 12-1pm CST

**YMCA Friday Forum: Faith and Race in  
Building Local Coalitions for Justice**  
University YMCA

Oct. 17 | 4-5:30pm CST

**Situated Solidarities, Radical Vulnerability,  
and Hungry Translations**

Speaker: Dr. Richa Nagar

300 Levis Faculty Center

Oct. 19 | 5-6:45pm CST

**International Music Night**

Illini Union Courtyard

Oct. 21 | 12-1pm CST

**GRID Graduate Minor Info Session**

306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright St

Lunch provided with pre-registration at:

<http://go.illinois.edu/GRIDInfo>

Oct. 21 | 12-1pm CST

**YMCA Friday Forum: Neighborhood  
Ambassadors Program**

University YMCA

Oct. 28 | 12-1:30pm CST Virtual via Zoom

**Pedagogy and Politics: Enacting Alternative  
Maps for Creating Communities of Practice**

Speaker: Dr. Koni Benson

Register: <http://go.illinois.edu/KoniBenson>

Oct. 28 | 12-1pm CST

**YMCA Friday Forum: Juvenile Justice  
in Champaign County (Session I)**

University YMCA

For information on WGGP hosted or co-sponsored events, please visit  
<https://go.illinois.edu/WGGPevents> or scan the QR code



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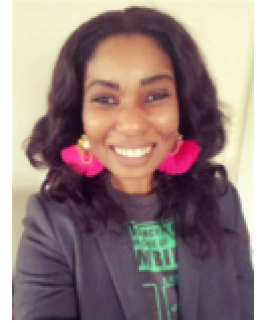


## WGGP Co-sponsored Events

## Women in Science - October Lecture

Speaker: **Dr. Imanni Sheppard**

*Assistant Teaching Professor and Co-Director of Medical Ethics and Humanities thread at the Carle Illinois College of Medicine*



**October 13, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm CT**

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.

[Register for October's lecture here](#)

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

## Fall 2022 YMCA Friday Forum Lecture Series | Our Community in Action: Advancing Social Justice in Champaign Urbana and Beyond

**Friday, October 14 @ 12:00pm CST**  
**University YMCA**

Speakers:

**Rev. Michael Crosby**  
and **Rev. Terrance Thomas**



**Description:** Please join the University YMCA and [Diversity & Social Justice Education](#) for our Fall 2022 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.

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

\*FREE lunch provided\*

# Upcoming Campus Events



**UN/DOING**  
FALL 2022 EVENT SERIES

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**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CONVERSATION**  
**Jacki Rand with Mimi Thi Nguyen**  
Moderated by Professor Jenny L. Davis

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
4:00 P.M.  
Levis Faculty Center | Room 210

**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**  
Join us to hear Associate Vice Chancellor for Native Affairs **Jacki Rand** (citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) in conversation with **Mimi Thi Nguyen** (Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies and Asian American Studies), moderated by **Jenny L. Davis** (citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and an Associate Professor of Anthropology and American Indian Studies).

**Humanities Research Institute**  
Levis Faculty Center  
919 West Illinois Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

If you will need disability-related accommodations in order to participate in an event, please contact [info@hillinois.edu](mailto:info@hillinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

*Humanities Research Institute*  
**Un/Doing | Indigenous Peoples' Day**  
**Conversation: Jacki Rand with Mimi Thi Nguyen**

**October 10, 2022 4:00 pm**  
**Levis Faculty Center, Room 210**

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**Cookies & Consent**  
**TUES | OCT 11 | 5:30pm-6:30 pm**  
**Women's Resource Center**





Join us as we explore what consent actually looks like in practice, how to give it and how to ask for it. Plus, yummy cookies!



**How to Support a Survivor**  
**THURS | OCT 13 | 6:00 pm**  
**Women's Resource Center**

Many survivors disclose for the first time to someone close to them. Join us at the WRC to learn tips and tricks you can use to support a friend who has been harmed by violence.



**Thank u, next: Ending a relationship**  
**TUES | OCT 18 | 5:30pm-6:30 pm**  
**Women's Resource Center**

Join us as we explore the reasons why relationships end and strategies that can be used to end relationships in a safe and supportive way.

*For more information on events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, go to <http://go.illinois.edu/DVAM2022>*

**NEH Fellowships and Grants Workshops**

**October 31 | 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Levis Faculty Center, Room 210, and Zoom



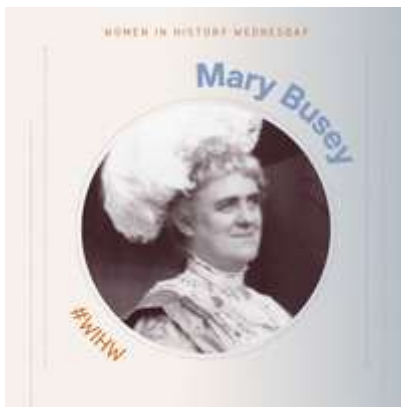
*In-person reception to follow from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

Dr. Christopher Thornton, director of the Division of Research Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities, will speak in depth about NEH grant opportunities and offer suggestions for submitting a successful application at this upcoming workshop



[More info and register here](#)

## Women in History Wednesday



### Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

**Mary Busey** was an influential member of the Board of Trustees from 1904 until 1930. Coming from a local well-known family, this allowed her to advance opportunities for female students.

[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

**Ann-Perry Witmer**

Dr. Ann-Perry Witmer is a Senior Research Scientist with the Applied Research Institute. She has organized a week long summit on campus bringing together distinguished guests from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Zambia for a robust discussion on place-based adaptation to climate change around the globe. Part of this week long program will include a public event on Oct. 13 from 2:00-3:30 at the Levis Faculty Center. Full details available at



<https://calendars.illinois.edu/detail/4279/33443941>.

Click here for Ann-Perry Witmer'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.

## Spring Courses

The Spring 2023 GRID Elective Course List is now available. Please visit the [courses page](#).



## October's Alumni Spotlight: Pamela Chang



Pamela Chang

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

**Current position:** Associate Professor of Social Work at Plymouth State University

**Location:** Plymouth, New Hampshire

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

Asian immigrants' Community Organizing and Advocacy.

[Click here for full interview](#)

## Announcements

We're almost halfway through the semester! Here are some important deadlines for making changes to your Fall 2022 schedule:

- **October 14:** Deadline for dropping full semester courses and declaring the grade replacement or credit/no credit options
- **October 17:** Start of part-of-term B (second eight-week) courses
- **October 21:** Deadline for adding part-of-term B courses

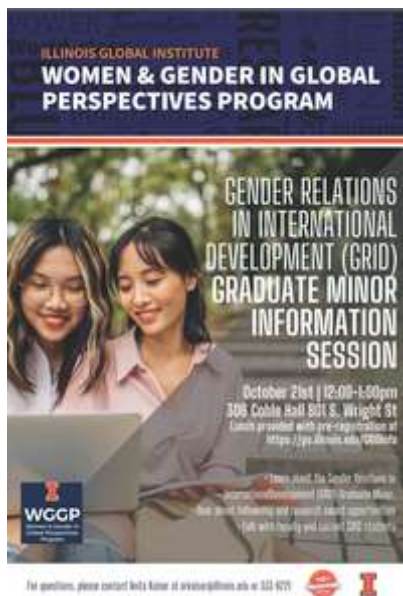
### [Writing a Literature Review Workshop](#)

**October 13, 4–5 PM**

In this session, we partner with the Writers Workshop to cover the writing process of a literature review. This session is open to all doctoral students. Please complete the form to register for the workshop. It will be conducted through Zoom. We look forward to working with you!

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## WGGP Programs



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## WGPP Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minors

WGPP 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



Certificate in Global Health

### Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with WGPP and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with Women and Gender in Global Perspectives (WGPP), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate



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