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WGGP Upcoming Events

Independent Community Rooted AI Research

Sept. 27 @2pm

online via **Zoom**

Registration required

Speaker: **Timnit Gerbru**

Founder and Executive Director of the Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR)

Timnit Gebru is the founder and executive director of the Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR). She also co-founded [Black in AI](#), a nonprofit that works to increase

the presence, inclusion, visibility and health of Black people in the field of AI, and is on the board of [AddisCoder](#), a nonprofit dedicated to teaching algorithms and computer programming to Ethiopian highschool students, free of charge.

Co-sponsored by: African American Studies; School of Information Sciences; Siebel Center for Design; and the Centers for African Studies, Global Studies, and South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies through support from the US Department of Education Title VI grant.

[Click here to read more](#)

Register here

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Independent Community Rooted AI Research

Dr. Timnit Gebru
 Founder and Executive Director,
 Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR)

Sept. 27, 2022, 2pm
 Virtual via Zoom
 Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/GebruTalk>

Timnit Gebru is the founder and executive director of the Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR). Prior to that she was fired by Google in December 2020 for raising issues of discrimination in the workplace, where she was serving as co-lead of the Ethical AI research team. She received her PhD from Stanford University, and did a postdoc at Microsoft Research, New York City in the FATE (Fairness Accountability Transparency and Ethics in AI).

Co-sponsored by African American Studies, International and Area Studies Library, School of Information Sciences, Siebel Center for Design, and the Centers for African Studies, Global Studies, and South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies through support from the US Department of Education Title VI grant.

Panel on "Global Feminist Methods: Discussion on decolonization, collaborative research, activism"

Friday, Sept. 30 @12pm
306 Coble Hall

In this workshop, panelists will share their expertise and experience when using feminist methods for global research, exploring dynamics of collaboration, activism, and decolonization when planning and conducting field research. Featuring a moderated discussion with Q and A. **Lunch provided starting at 11:30 with an RSVP by September 28th.**

This discussion is moderated by Anissa Chitwanga, Ph.D. student in the School of Social Work

11:30- 12:00 Lunch available with RSVP by September 28

12.00 – 12.10 PM: Opening from WGGP Director

12.10 – 12.25 PM: Dr. Melissa Rae Goodnight, College of Education

12.25 – 12.40 PM: Dr. Korinta Maldonado, Department of Anthropology

12.40 – 12.55 PM: Dr. Mimi Nguyen, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

12.55 – 1.25 PM: Moderated Q&A from the audience and question pool

1.25 – 1.30 PM: Closing statements from panelists

Co-sponsored by Gender and Women Studies, Anthropology, and the College of Education.

[Click here to register](#)

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Friday, Sept. 30th at 12-1:30pm
306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street
Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/Sep30workshop>

Featured Panelists:

Dr. Melissa Rae Goodnight
College of Education

Dr. Korinta Maldonado
Anthropology

Dr. Mimi Nguyen
Gender and Women's Studies

Cosponsored by: Gender and Women's Studies, Anthropology, and the College of Education.

Muddying 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](#)

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MUDDYING WATERS: AN AUTHOR'S TALK

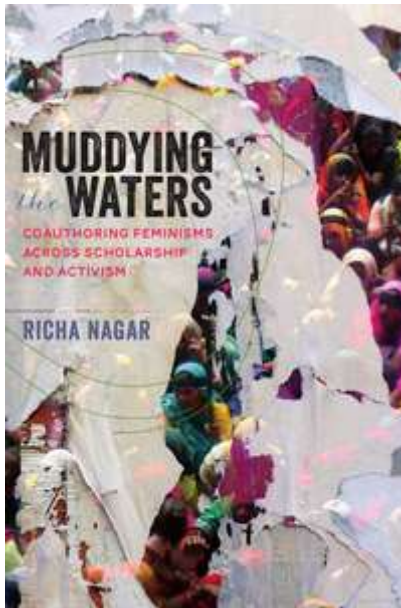
An Author's Talk, **Dr. Richa Nagar**
University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Oct. 17th at 4pm CST
300 Levis Faculty Center

Book Discussion: Oct. 18, 2022
Register: <https://go.illinois.edu/Nagar>

Dr. Richa Nagar is Professor at the College of Letters Arts and Sciences at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She is a multi-genre writer who blends scholarship, creative writing, theatre, and activism to build alliances with people's struggles and to engage questions of ethics, responsibility, and justice. Richa has published eight books and dozens of essays, articles, photo documents in English and Hindi.

Two days of Muddying Waters to the first 10 registrants for the Book Discussion!



Muddying Waters: Book Discussion

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](#)

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

WGGP Co-sponsored Events



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

Friday, September 23 @ 12:00pm CST
University YMCA

Speaker: **Kofi Bazzell-Smith**, Graduate Student in New Media, College of Art and Design, and Professional Boxer: **AZUKI!**
Manga as a Bridge Between Cultures.

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

Chicago Immigrant Orchestra

Date: **September 27, 2022 - Two Events**

Afternoon Pop-Up Concert

2pm | Main Library| Room 321

Free and open to all | Listen & talk to the musicians | Refreshments Served



Evening Concert

7:30pm | Colwell Playhouse (Krannert Center)

CIO is a 20-piece ensemble that consists of members of the Chicago immigrant community, representing musical traditions from all over the world. In this fresh approach under the direction of Haque and Zarour, Chicago Immigrant Orchestra musicians from the Far East to Western Europe, Africa and the Americas are thoroughly involved in the evolution of the musical ideas that are presented. One orchestra, a world of music. [See more](#)

This performance is a co-presentation of Krannert Center and the International and Area Studies Library. Tickets for this event are free to University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff.

Get tickets

Upcoming Campus Events

Consuming the Quinceañera: Culture, Media, and Community Legacies

September 23 @11 am

Levis Faculty Center Room 210

Rachel Gonzalez-Martin is the author of *Quinceañera Style: Social Belonging and Latinx Consumer Identities*, which won the Emily Toth-Best-Book-in-Women's Studies from the Popular Culture Association and the Elli Kongas-Maranda Prize in Women's Studies in Folklore from the American Folklore Society.

Part of the ["Quinceañeras: Celebration, Joy, and Ethnic Pride"](#)
exhibit Spurlock Museum Fall 2022.



The Limits of Neoliberal Fantasies in Transnational Mainstream Media: Gender, Age, Ethnicity, and Nation

3:30-5 p.m., September 23, 2022
1000 Lincoln Hall

Speaker: **Angharad N. Valdivia**

Research Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Drawing on the production and circulation of Chile's LasTesis' "Un violador en tu camino," the celebrity fueled "girls hold up half the sky" so-called movement, and the latest iteration of "spitfire" production in the US, this presentation explores contemporary attempts to mediatize oppression in relation to activism and resistance at the grassroots. [Read more](#)



Ethnic & Gender Studies Block Party

Sep 27, 2022 4:30 - 6:30 pm
1208 W Nevada St, Urbana, IL 61801

Join the departments of ethnic studies and GWS for a welcome back block party! Food and drinks will be provided, and students will have the opportunity to meet and socialize with faculty members.



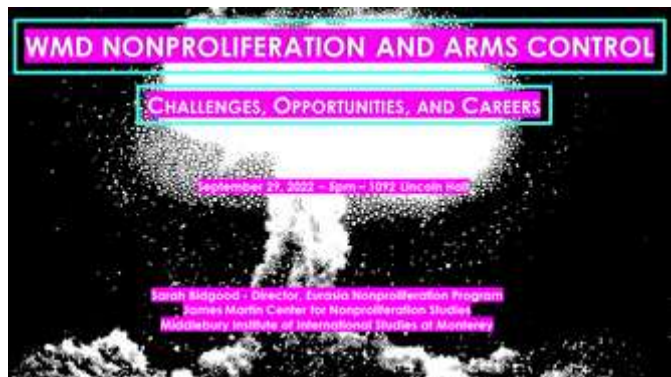
[Click here for details](#)

WMD Nonproliferation and Arms Control

**Thursday, Sept. 29 @5pm
1092 Lincoln Hall**

Interested in international security and wondering what opportunities might be available for you in this arena? Please join us in 1092 Lincoln Hall on Thursday, September

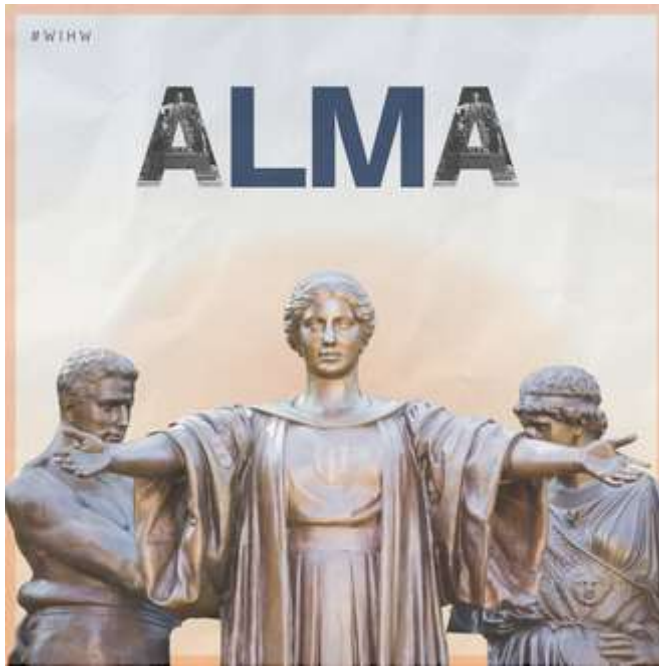
29th at 5pm for a talk by Sarah Bidgood, the Director of the Eurasia Nonproliferation Program at the Middlebury Institute. Dr. Bidgood will discuss the many components of nonproliferation work and the array of career opportunities in the field for a wide range of majors and backgrounds.



Women in History Wednesday

Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

The **Alma Mater Statue** was built in 1916 and remains one of the most sought out women on campus. Lorado Taft and Rolan Conklin announced the gift of the bronze Alma Mater statue with the idea that she would be a foster mother for academic women throughout history, but also to all students on campus. [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 received National Science Foundation funding to investigate water and electricity needs for the western region of the Navajo Nation. This is particularly relevant to WGGP because it extends our Contextual Engineering process to non-European populations domestically, looking at the identity and indigenous knowledge of the Navajo people to develop engineering solutions that address their needs. [Read full story](#).

[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 or (217) 333-6221.

September's Alumni Spotlight: Margaret Jodlowski



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

Current position: I am an assistant professor of agricultural economics and policy in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. I started this role in August 2020 after finishing my Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Location: Columbus, Ohio, USA

Margaret Jodlowski

Focus of current work: I study issues related to agricultural labor, both domestically in the US and internationally in sub-Saharan Africa. I am interested both in on-farm labor, which includes labor supply mobility and immigration issues, and in how households make decisions around off-farm work.

[Click here for full interview](#)

Announcements

Faculty and Student Announcements

- Congratulations to GRID student, **Aparajita Santra**, for receiving the prestigious Architectural Research Centers Consortium - [ARCC King Medal Award](#)! Selection of recipients is at the discretion of member institutions based on criteria that acknowledges innovation, integrity, and scholarship in architectural and/or environmental design research.
- WGGP GRID student, **Sulagna Chakraborty**, was awarded the Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship for 2022 – 2023 and Special Recognition for Leadership by the [Graduate College in 2020](#). Congratulations!

Post-doctoral positions at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

1/ MPIDR is recruiting a **postdoctoral researcher** to join the research group "[Gender Inequalities and Fertility](#)", led by Dr. Nicole Hiekel. [See more](#)

2/ MPIDR is recruiting **up to two highly qualified postdoctoral researchers** to serve as Research Scientists within the [Research Group on Kinship Inequalities](#), led by Diego Alburez-Gutierrez. [See more](#)

Deadline for applications: 19 September 2022

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Are you concerned about issues facing your community, campus or country, and are you actively working to make change? The Harry S. Truman Scholarship program is looking for academically strong students who have a passion for public service.



[Truman Scholarship Information Session \(In-person\)](#)

Sept 29, 2022 03:30 - 4:30 PM Central Time

[Truman Scholarship Information Session \(Online\)](#)

Sept 30, 2022 9:00 - 10:00 AM Central Time

[Truman Scholarship Writing Workshop](#)

Sept 20, 2022 03:00 - 4:00 PM Central Time

For more information, contact the scholarships office at topscholars@illinois.edu or visit our website at www.topscholars.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](#)



Certificate in Global Health

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.**

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



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