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WGGP Fall Reception

Wednesday, September 7th

4:00-5:00 PM

YMCA Latzer Hall,
1001 S. Wright St.

Remarks at 4:20 PM

RSVP appreciated by Sept. 5th (click
here)



WGGP Upcoming Events

Empowering Youth to Embrace Everyday Leadership

Monday, Sept. 12 @12pm

306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street, Champaign

This lunch talk, "Empowering Youth to Embrace Everyday Leadership," hosted by the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, brings **Bushra Amiwala** as guest speaker.

Bushra Amiwala is a Skokie native and daughter of immigrants who truly appreciates diversity in its many beautiful forms. As communities across our nation- the working poor, religious and ethnic minorities, and young changemakers who are ignored by political establishments- are pushed aside, Bushra is a committed voice for underrepresented citizens. She seeks to ensure that our nation's future is in good hands by building a compassionate, politically-engaged generation.

Lunch will be provided with RSVP by September 9th.



Co-sponsored by the University YMCA Welcoming Week, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant, and Women's Resources Center.

RSVP here

Reproductive Justice *A Collaborative Panel Discussion*

Tuesday, Sept. 13 @4pm
300 Levis Faculty Center

"Are you thinking of Roe/Dobbs? Abortion and reproductive rights in the US and the world"

Join us for this important conversation on regression and mobilization for abortion rights. The panelists will offer a global and historical perspective on the struggle by women for abortion rights in the US; feminist mobilization in Latin America where recently they secured legalization of abortion; and local activism and what can be done.



Panelists:

Dr. Leslie Reagan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dr. Mariela Swarcberg Daby, Reed College

Emma Darbro, Undergraduate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Human Research Institute, and the Department of Research.

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](#)

WGGP Co-sponsored Events

The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies presents:

Adriana Calcanhotto

September 7

Smith Hall

Acclaimed by fans and critics alike and hailed as one of the great Brazilian singer songwriters of the last 30 years, **Adriana Calcanhotto** is a musical chameleon who navigates from bossa nova, to samba, avant-garde, pop, MPB and beyond. A 2X Latin GRAMMY winner, Calcanhotto

THE LEMANN CENTER FOR
BRAZILIAN STUDIES PRESENTS

— adriana —
calcanhotto



Admired by fans and critics alike and hailed as one of the great Brazilian singer-songwriters of the last 30 years, Adriana Calcanhotto is a musical chameleon who navigates from bossa nova, to samba, avant-garde, pop, MPB and beyond. A 2X Latin GRAMMY winner, Calcanhotto began her career in the mid-1980's and has released over 20 albums reaching multiplatinum sales. Over the past three decades her songs have become the soundtrack for millions of fans through radio airplay, mesmerizing music videos, and as themes for major TV shows. With astonishing versatility and captivating poetry, Calcanhotto is able to compose popular ballads as well as conceptual pieces inspired by the literary greats. A published author with immense knowledge of the Portuguese language, Calcanhotto was invited by Coimbra University in Lisbon to teach a special class on poetry and music composition. She was extremely creative during the pandemic, releasing a live album, and new music inspired by the realities of Brazil.

[Click here for free registration.](#)

SEPTEMBER 7TH
7:30 PM
SMITH MEMORIAL HALL

CO-SPONSORED BY ROBERT E. BROWN CENTER FOR
WORLD MUSIC, SCHOOL OF MUSIC, WOMEN AND
GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM



began her career in the mid 1980's and has released over 20 albums reaching multiplatinum sales. [Read more here](#)

Co-sponsored by WGGP, Robert E. Brown Center for World Music, School of Music.

[Click here for free registration](#)

YMCA Welcoming Week 2022

September 9- September 18

Welcoming Week is a weeklong national celebration of immigration that brings together neighbors from all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming inclusive places.

For six years, Welcoming Week has brought together thousands of community members through hundreds of events to celebrate immigrants who have made Champaign County home.

For more information and a full schedule of events, [click here](#). Bushra Amiwala's talk, featured above, will also be a part of this week-long celebration.



Chicago Immigrant Orchestra

Location: **Colwell Playhouse**

Date: **September 27, 2022 - 7:30PM CT**

Description: Dedicated to the authenticity and historicity of living musical traditions, the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra was established in 1999 by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to perform as part of the first annual Chicago World Music Festival. Directed by Willy Schwartz, the orchestra involved Chicago musicians from the immigrant community representing music from all over the globe. The project lasted through 2004 and had a lasting impact on the Chicago music scene.



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.

Upcoming Campus Events



Alexis Thompson, Associate
Dean for Student Success,
Graduate College

"Building and Navigating the Mentoring Relationship"

Tuesday, August 30th 4:00pm

Beckman Institute, Room 1005

Speaker: Alexis Thompson, Associate Dean for Student Success,
Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sponsor: Neuroscience Program at Illinois

The mentoring relationship between the advisor and graduate student is a central part of graduate education. Alexis will discuss tools for developing a strong mentoring relationship and navigating issues if they arise.

Explore the Arts and Humanities Libraries Exhibit
Main Library North-South Corridor
August 8-31, 2022



The units of the Arts and Humanities Division, located in the Main Library and in external locations, share new and intriguing materials from their collections. Participants include the History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library and African American Research Center, the Literature and Languages Library and Classics Collection, the Music and Performing Arts Library, and the Ricker Library of Architecture

and Art and Materials Collection. These libraries hold rich materials spanning many formats and languages and support learning and research across many disciplines.



CITL Welcome Back Block Party

August 30 & 31 10am-4pm

First-floor Innovation Spaces and third-floor Studio at the Armory Building (505 E. Armory Ave., Champaign)

Over the last few years, CITL worked harder than ever to help faculty and instructors put their courses online, migrate their courses to Canvas, use digital resources and emerging technologies to enhance their teaching and research, host trainings and seminars to help instructors to sharpen their skills, learn new tools, and learn from each other—and so much more.

During our block party, you'll have an opportunity to tour our innovation spaces, meet our staff, and learn about our services and resources and how we can help you be innovative in the classroom and create transformational learning experiences for your students in online, on-campus, and hybrid modalities. We can't wait to see you and start innovating with you!

Each CITL team will have a station on the first floor of the Armory to showcase and demonstrate the activities and functions of the various groups. Join us for tours, demonstrations, and refreshments!

Women of Color Ice Cream Social

September 2nd 3:30-5:00pm

Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center


[Click to RSVP](#)

THE STATE OF WOMEN:
NOW AND THEN

DISH IT UP

08/29 10/24

09/12 10/31

09/26 11/14

10/10 11/28

NOON-1:00PM

@ THE WRC

616 EAST GREEN ST.
SUITE 202 (UPSTAIRS
FROM MCDONALD'S)

Scan to see the full schedule!



ILLINOIS
Women's Resources Center
CHICAGO OFFICE

Dish It Up starts Monday, August 29!

Join us for our Dish It Up/Lunch on Us Series at the Women's Resources Center every 2nd & 4th Monday at noon (12 p.m. CST). Get to know the new WRC and GSRC staff, learn how roller derby is empowering people of all genders with the Twin City Derby Girls, and explore the connections between gender, sexuality, race and WITCHES. Stay Tuned for schedule updates!

Mark your calendar for Dish It Up!

August 29 (with GSRC!)

September 12

September 26

October 10

October 24

October 31 (with GSRC!)

November 14

November 28

Women in History Wednesday



Lois Seyster Monstross

Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

Lois Seyster Monstross graduated in 1919 and became a prominent author. While a student, she was involved in several organizations including Alpha Xi Delta, Scribbler's Club, Mortarboard, Athenian, Glee Club, Student Council, Woman's League, Illinois Magazine, Senior Class Day Committee, and permanent class secretary. [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

New faculty affiliate, **Venetria K. Patton**, is Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. She joined the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences in August 2021 after serving as head of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies at Purdue University.

Patton earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of La Verne and her master's and PhD in English from the University of California-Riverside. Her teaching and research focus on African American and diasporic women's literature. [See more](#)



[Click here for Venetria Kirsten Patton's Faculty Affiliate Profile](#)

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

August's Alumni Spotlight: Ryan Stock



Ryan Stock

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

Current position:

Assistant Professor

Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences
Northern Michigan University

Location:

Marquette, MI

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

I am a feminist political ecologist whose recent work takes examines the gender politics of solar development and agrarian climate justice from an intersectional and postcolonial perspective, utilizing a mixed methods field-based approach to data collection in India and Ghana.

[Click here for full interview](#)

Alumni in the News

GRID Alumna, Rachel Storm to Lead Community Engagment at KAM

Krannert Art Museum (KAM) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is re-envisioning its approach to education and public programming with renewed focus on developing deep connections with local communities in addition to its work with university students and faculty



and K-12 educators in the region. U of I alum Rachel Lauren Storm will lead this fresh approach through a new position as Assistant Director of Community Engagement and Learning.

[Read more](#)

Congratulations!

WGGP 2022-2023 Fellowship and Award Recipients

We would like to thank our donors who have generously set up fellowships and grants to support the research of University of Illinois graduate students on gender issues in developing countries.



Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellow

Widya A. Ramadhani (Architecture) Widya is a PhD Student in Architecture. Widya's research examines the adaptive behavior of older Indonesian women in the conduct of food-related activities at home and the impact on their independence and health.

Widya A.
Ramadhan



Barbara A. Yates Fellow

Atyeh Asthari (Urban and Regional Planning) Atyeh is a PhD student in Urban and Regional Planning. Atyeh's research studies minority women engaged in solidarity finance via needleworking, and their collective practices of care and communitybased development in peri-urban Iran.

Atyeh Asthari



Nehal Elmeligy

Evelyne Accad and Paul Vielle International Research Awardee

Nehal Elmeligy (Sociology) Nehal is a PhD student in Sociology. Through an ethnography in Cairo, Egypt and digital data collection, Nehal's research investigates Egypt's contemporary mostly digital feminist counterpublics, created by recently founded feminist consciousness raising and knowledge production initiatives.



Melissa Houston

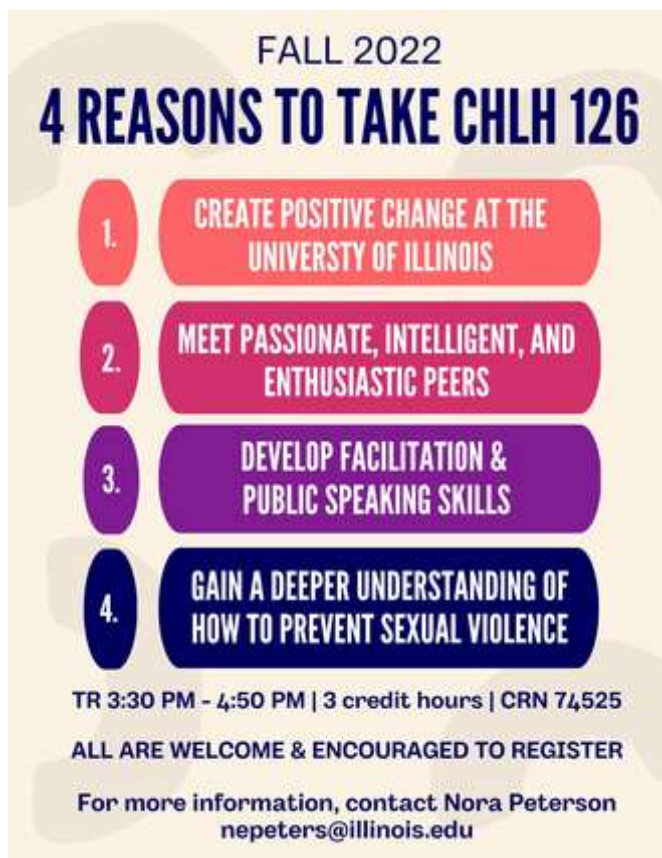
WGGP Language Fellowship

Melissa Houston (Social Work) Melissa is a Master's student in the School of Social Work specializing in Leadership and Social Change. Melissa will study Arabic this academic year which she hopes to utilize in service work with refugees and policy engagement.

Fall Courses

Register for CHLH 126: CARE Class

Interested in becoming a leader on campus? Register for the Fall 2022 CARE Class (CHLH 126), TU/THR 3:30 PM - 4:50 PM. Participants in the course will gain a deeper understanding of sexual violence prevention, meet passionate, intelligent, and enthusiastic peers, gain skills to create positive change in your communities, and develop public speaking & facilitation skills. Open to all undergraduate students! Students who successfully complete CHLH 126 are eligible to serve as FYCARE Facilitators. For more information, contact fycare@illinois.edu.



UP 423: Community Development in the Global South

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Format: Online synchronous Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:30-5:00PM

Instructor: Faranak Miraftab faranak@illinois.edu

For who: Are you interested in grassroots global justice, then this course is for you. It satisfies [GRID graduate minor](#) (for its gender focus), as well as FLAS regional focus courses (for its drawing on cases from Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and middleeast and South Asia). Final group project of this class is to draft a manifesto for a different world as we want and as we imagine. These manifestos will have the opportunity to be published published by the Delft University of Technology Open Source books. For past publications see [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

About what: we focus on grassroots practices of development and critically engage with practices and policies of “development experts”.

When and how: Online synchronous Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00PM

For more info please contact instructor faranak@illinois.edu

UP 494: Digital Storytelling (CRN31061)

Instructor: Faranak Miraftab, faranak@illinois.edu

Class Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:50am (Email instructor for location)

Official Course Description

Storytelling can play a central role in planning education and practice by democratizing knowledge, sharpening critical judgement, and expanding our practical tools. But stories we tell are not innocent. How we frame our stories determines what we place at the center and what we place at the margin, and yet more what is left out. How we communicate our stories also determines who we reach and connect with and who we leave out or further alienate by intimidation. Stories have power and how we tell them are intimately connected to what message we want to convey and who we want to reach. Text is only one medium toward such goal, but academia by in large has driven on textual communication, which is more biased towards privileged groups.

This course by exploring other mediums of communication seeks to move beyond the hegemony of textual communication and introduce means that might further democratize both production and dissemination of knowledge. In this course we offer a range of digital communication tools (eg by **podcast, video, info graph and storymap**) that are critical to inclusive planning and education.

For more information contact the instructor, Professor Faranak Miraftab, at faranak@illinois.edu

Announcements

Faculty and Student Announcements

- WGGP GRID student **Ananya Tiwani** received the [Graduate college dissertation completion fellowship](#) this year and the MMEG World Bank [McNamara Education Grant](#) to finish her PhD. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to GRID students on **Santra Aparajita** and **Nehal Elmeligy** on receiving the Jean M. Due and Marianne Ferber International Research Award! [Click here for more information on the Due and Ferber award.](#)



Illinois Global Institute centers receive almost \$13.2 million in Title VI

Six area and global studies centers within the [Illinois Global Institute](#) will receive almost \$13.2 million in competitive Title VI federal grants during the next four years to advance educational opportunities, programming, and public engagement. The University of Illinois is one of this year's top Title VI funding

recipients in the country.

Interseminars: Changing the Face of Graduate Education in the Arts and Humanities

Submit proposals by September 1, 2022 for projects that will take place during 2023–24.



[The Interseminars initiative](#) provides funding and administrative infrastructure for collaborative teaching, sustained interdisciplinary inquiry, and public- and community-facing research in the humanities and arts. Funded by a \$2,000,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, Interseminars makes it possible for faculty and graduate students to undertake significant interdisciplinary research collaborations that will make a lasting impact in their long-term research trajectories and on the development of new research and curricular areas for the campus as a whole.

[Click here for more information](#)

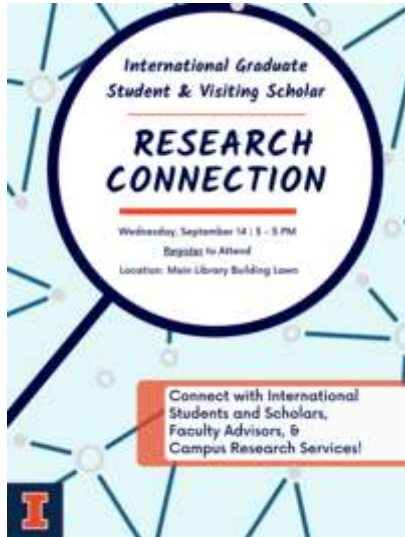
Illinois Global Institute Summer 2022 Newsletter

The Illinois Global Institute Summer Newsletter highlighted IGI's activities from the last several months. [Click here in case you missed it.](#)



The newsletter also highlighted WGPP GRID

student **Ananya Tiwani**, whose effort in pursuing her PhD while simultaneously running SwaTaleem Foundation, a non-profit organization in India that Ananya co-founded, does not go unnoticed. [Scroll to page 10 to read more.](#)



International Graduate Student and Visiting Scholar: **Research Connection**

The University Library, International Student & Scholar Services, and Doctoral Research Support Program are delighted to welcome international graduate students and scholars to participate in the 2022 Research Connection event on **Wednesday, September 14, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**. This event connects international graduate students and visiting scholars with faculty advisers and campus research services. Spouses, partners, and children are welcome!

[Click here to register](#)

Navigating Early Career Funding Opportunities

Thursday, Sept. 15, noon to 2:30 p.m.

NIH experts will provide an overview of early career funding opportunities, discuss how networking and mentoring can strengthen your chances for success, and show you where to find helpful resources along the way. [Learn more and register.](#)

Remember, IHSI's [Research Development](#) team works directly with Illinois investigators to expand health sciences research, providing proposal development support, offering grant seeking workshops and resources, and coordinates campus-wide resources to local and national funding priorities.

Director of International Research, Guttmacher Institute (New York)

The [Guttmacher Institute](#) is a global leader in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights. Through a unique and interrelated program of high-quality research, evidence-based

advocacy and strategic communications, the Institute works to generate new ideas, encourage enlightened public debate, and promote sound policy and program development; its overarching goal is to ensure the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all people worldwide.

The Guttmacher Institute seeks to recruit its [Director of International Research](#).

[Click here for more information.](#)



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: The research group investigates the determinants and consequences of gender inequalities and their role in explaining fertility behavior and outcomes of family formation and family enlargement. [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](#). The positions are offered for three years. This group, led by Diego Alburez-Gutierrez, studies how differences in kinship among persons and groups determine individual outcomes and shape social structures. [See more](#)

Deadline for applications: 19 September 2022

Survivor Advocacy & Support Services

The Women's Resources Center (WRC) is the designated confidential campus resource related to sexual assault/rape, sexual harassment, stalking and abuse within a relationship (sometimes called dating or domestic violence). That means when we talk with students, staff, and faculty who have experienced harm, we make sure you get what you need and on your terms! There are several Confidential Advisors at the WRC who can provide you - or someone looking to support you - with support and advocacy services.

Learn more about Advocacy & Support Services, [here](#).



Due Date Catalog: A New Resource for Student Success

Last year ATLAS released an application called [DateCat](#) (or Due Date Catalog) to help students keep track of due dates for courses in Moodle, Compass, and Canvas. DateCat automatically merges assignments and due dates from these LMS systems into one calendar and can be used as an effective tool for students to remain organized during the semester.



This year ATLAS has added the functionality for faculty NOT using an LMS to directly input due dates into DateCat. Faculty and instructors assigned to a course in Banner can log in to add their due dates directly to DateCat or to view information pulled from Moodle or Canvas for their classes.

WGPP Programs

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 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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