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## CSGGE Events This Week

### Spring Panel on Gender and the Economy: Environment, Work, and Care

Thursday, April 3, 2025

3:30-5:00pm

210 Illini Union

Join us for panel featuring:

**Mary Arends-Kuenning**, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Associate Dean of ACES International Programs

**Vernita Pearl Fort**, Ecologist, Economist, and Former United States Diplomat; Research Scholar, Illinois Global Institute

**McKenzie Johnson**, Assistant Professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

**ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE**  
**Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity**  
 present

**Gender and the Economy:  
 Environment, Work, and Care**

**Thursday, April 3rd**  
**3:30-5:00pm**  
**Room 210 Illini Union**

Moderated by Min Zhan  
 Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity  
 (CSGGE)

**Speakers**

**"Government Policies and Their Impacts on Women's Empowerment."**  
**Mary Arends-Kuenning**  
 Professor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Associate Dean of ACES International Programs

**"Forging a Human Rights Economy within Planetary Boundaries: A Response to Unprecedented 'Glocal' Crises and Opportunities."**  
**Vernita Pearl Fort**  
 Ecologist, Economist, and Former United States Diplomat  
 Research Scholar, Illinois Global Institute

**"The Work of Women Environmental Defenders in Extractive Economies"**  
**McKenzie Johnson**  
 Assistant Professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

**"Deportations and the Care Economy"**  
**Elizabeth T. Powers**  
 Associate Professor, Economics Department and Associate Director,  
 Institute of Government and Public Affairs

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Moderated by: Min Zhan, Professor, School of Social Work and Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

### Graduate Student Lunch & Learn:

#### Publishing on Gender Related Topics

**Friday, April 4, 2025 | 12-1pm |306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street**  
**Lunch available starting at 11:45am with RSVP**

**Presenters:**

Dominique Moore, Illinois Press Acquisitions Editor  
Jeff Mcardle, Illinois Press Journals Manager

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

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<https://go.illinois.edu/GradLunchLearn>

  
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## Upcoming CSGGE Events

### What Now: Focus on Women and Gender in the New Era

**Monday, April 7, 2025 | 5:15-6:45pm | Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center**

#### Panelists:

**Karen Flynn**, Terrance & Karyn Holm Endowed Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago

**Julie A. Pryde**, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Administrator

**Lauren R. Aronson**, Clinical Professor of Law at UIUC, Immigration Law Clinic Director

**Jessica R. Greenberg**, Associate Professor, Anthropology and Director of European Union Center

**Moderated by Brett Ashley Kaplan**, Director, Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies

This event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, the Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies; Illinois Global Institute; EU Center; and Center for Global Studies

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**April 7th 5:15-6:45pm**  
Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center  
1212 W. Nevada Street

Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; the Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies; Illinois Global Institute; EU Center; and Center for Global Studies



## Graduate Research Lightning Talks

**Friday, April 11th at 12-1:00pm | 306 Coble Hall**

Interactive event for graduate students to share research with their peers. Although you only get 3 minutes to share your work! Are you up for the task? Join in on the fun by clicking the link below. Light lunch provided to those that register.

[Click to Register](#)

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**Graduate Research Lightning Talks** 

**Friday, April 11**  
**12:00-1:30pm**  
**306 Coble Hall**

*Light lunch available for all registered participants.*

**Limited Space. Registration Required.**  
<https://go.illinois.edu/LightningTalk25>

How fast can you present your research?  
 Join this event to meet other Illinois graduate students and share your research in 3 minutes or less. Two people will pair up and hear about each others research and then switch to new teams every 7 minutes.



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[Click to view full calendar of events](#)

## CSGGE Co-sponsored Events

**FRIDAY FORUM**  
**+ CONVERSATION CAFÉ**

FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 | MARCH 7, 28 | APRIL 4, 11, 18

 Student Affairs

12-1PM | UNIVERSITY YMCA  
 1001 S. WRIGHT ST., CHAMPAIGN  
 FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

### Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, April 4th

*To Thy Happy Children of the Future:  
Divestment as Progress*

**Speaker:** Students for Environmental Concerns, in conversation with Jim Hinterlong, UYMCA Executive Director

Please join the University YMCA and [Diversity & Social Justice Education](#) for our Spring 2025 Friday Forum + Conversation Café series. We will hear from community leaders tackling our most pressing public concerns through an unwavering pursuit of social justice. Follow this [link](#) for more information!

**Fridays at 12 PM in Latzer Hall at the University YMCA.**

<https://www.universityymca.org/what-we-offer/programs/friday-forum-conversation-cafe>

**April 10 & 11**  
**Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids**

**Public Art Exhibition: April 10-May 3**

**"The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids"**  
 Murphy Art Gallery, University YMCA  
 Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project

**April 10**  
 5:30-7:30pm  
**Opening Reception: Thursday, April 10th, 5:30-7:30 pm** (with Mirage music ensemble performance 6:30 pm)  
 Murphy Art Gallery, University YMCA  
 This exhibition brings together three voices against global apartheid: grassroots activists for humane urbanisms (digital stories); UIC protests and encampments (archival images 1969-2024); and Woman Life Freedom movement (artwork).

**Public forum: Friday April 11**

**"Solidarity with Sudan After Revolt: Rethinking Society, Surviving Vengeance"**  
 306 Coble Hall  
 Elsadig Elsheikh, Director of Global Justice at UC Berkeley Othering and Belonging Institute.

**"The Art of Recreating Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids."**  
 Latzer Hall, University YMCA  
 Woman Life Freedom Collective and Humane Urbanisms Project.  
 This dialogue reflects on an intergenerational exchange among trans women through practices of care and their forging transnational solidarities.

**"Constructing Transnational Solidarities from Below: Showcasing Two Platforms"**  
 Latzer Hall, University YMCA  
 This panel showcases two projects for building transnational solidarity in our times of division. After the two presentations and Q&A please join us for food and refreshments.

**"Afro-Asian Solidarities 70 years after Bandung in our emerging multipolar world order"**  
 Elsadig Elsheikh, Director of Global Justice at Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley  
 Elsheikh reflects on the Global South's past, present, and future worldmaking by focusing on the 1955 Bandung project to forge Third World solidarities among non-aligned states.

**"Co-Creating Knowledge for Anti-racist and Transnational Solidarity through Radical Practices of Care, Hope, and Humane Urbanisms."**  
 Members of the Humane Urbanisms Project collective present on their work to produce digital stories of grassroots activists in Brazil, South Africa, Spain and the US.

Sponsored by:  
 UIC Call to Action Program of the DVCE; Center for South Asia and Middle East Studies; Center for African Studies; Center for Global Studies; Asian American Studies; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; World Internationalist; and the Dept of Urban and Regional Planning

## Transnational Solidarity Against Global Apartheids

April 10-11, 2025 - All day - Murphy Art Gallery & Room 306

Public Art Exhibition: April 10-May 3 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Murphy Art Gallery

Public forum: Friday, April 11 - 10 am - 4:00 pm - Room 306

*Constructing Solidarities Through Power at the Margin* is an initiative among engaged scholars and activists to share with the public, as an open source, the conversations held among them on possibilities of constructing a more humane urbanism whereby there is no homelessness and no evictions for maximized profit. This website reports on two main conversations so far. The first

was supported through a two-year effort of the "Insurgent Midwest: Transnational Dialogue for Humane Urbanism" project, which facilitated dialogues among activists in the US (Chicago), South Africa (Cape Town) and Mexico (Mexico City) and led to the 2017 "Constructing Solidarities for Humane Urbanism" symposium held at UIUC among academic and activists.

The second was a conversation hosted by the University of Minnesota in 2018 at the "Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice" symposium involving housing activists from the West and East coasts as well as the Midwest of the US. This website hopes to continue to serve as a platform to promote the trans-local and transnational solidarities that emerge through stories of power constituted at the margins by fighting back the unjust systems of greed and accumulation institutionalized by white supremacist patriarchal capitalism that produce homelessness and evictions.

## Women in Science Lecture Series



Dr. Suneeti Jog

**Thursday, April 10th, 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Room 146, University Archives, Main Library or via Zoom.**

Speaker: Dr. Winful, a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology and a participant in the DRIVE Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Program, will discuss her research on the biological mechanisms linking stress to health, with a focus on inflammation.

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. The lecture series seeks to highlight the important innovations and contributions of women in the sciences at the University of Illinois and center the importance of documenting women scientists and engineers to create a diverse and inclusive archival record.

This lecture series is now hybrid and will take place at the University Archives, [Main Library Room 146](#), or over zoom once a month from noon to one pm CT. Please view our schedule and registration links below

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## Campus Events

### **AsiaLENS - GETSEA Simulcast Film Screening: "Hot Stuff"**

Director **Dandhy Laksono** and Producer **Cypri Dale** will join GETSEA live from the University of Michigan's Center for Southeast Asia Studies as 20 universities from across North America connect via Zoom to watch *Hot Stuff* simultaneously, followed by a discussion about the film, energy policy in Indonesia, and the new Prabowo Subianto administration's response to local grassroots movements in the country. (2024. Indonesia. 82 minutes.)

Pizza provided for Illinois participants starting at 3:55pm

Monday, March 31, 2025, at 4:00 pm

108 Coble Hall (801 S. Wright Street)



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**An IGI Series on Global Responsibilities: "Palestine in the World"**

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Speaker: [Nadim Bawalsa](#) an historian of modern Palestine. He holds a PhD in History and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies from New York University.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians migrated to the Americas in the final decades of the nineteenth century and early decades of the twentieth. By 1936, an estimated 40,000 Palestinians lived outside geographic Palestine. *Transnational Palestine* is the first book to explore the history of Palestinian immigration to Latin America, the struggles Palestinian migrants faced to secure Palestinian citizenship in the interwar period, and the ways in which these challenges contributed to the formation of a Palestinian diaspora and to the emergence of Palestinian national consciousness.

Virtual talk on April 1st, 2025, 12:00 PM

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**PALESTINE IN THE WORLD** SERIES

BOOK TALK  
"TRANSNATIONAL PALESTINE"

WITH AUTHOR  
**DR. NADIM BAWALSA**

**TUESDAY, APR. 1 / 12:00PM CT**  
[Register here for Zoom Talk](#)

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**Let's Talk About... Resistance**

Wednesday April 2 • 7-8:30 pm

Explore stories of cultural self-determination in societies around the world. Dr. Christina Gonzalez, co-curator of Caribbean Indigenous Resistance / *Resistencia Indígena del Caribe ¡Taino Vive!*, will lead tours of the exhibit, and staff will share some of the museum's collections related to resistance and cultural identity in the face of oppression. Refreshments will be served.

This program is designed for college students, and adults are welcome too.

Image: Take a Knee by Yeshoyot Akutse, John Needles Chester Fund.

The Spurlock Museum acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council.

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- Wednesday, April 2, 2025
- Time: 7:00 pm–8:30 pm (CDT)
- Location: Spurlock Museum (600 S. Gregory St. Urbana, IL 61801)
- Audience: University students/adults

This exhibition tells the story of the Caribbean from the perspective of Indigenous survival and resistance. It is dedicated to affirming Taíno life and valuing Indigenous knowledge for the people of the Caribbean and beyond.

"Caribbean Indigenous Resistance / Resistencia indígena del Caribe ¡Taíno Vive!" is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of the American Latino.

This exhibition received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the National Museum of the American Latino.

April 2nd, 2025 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Spurlock Museum (600 S. Gregory St. Urbana, IL 61801)

## Funding Opportunities

### Verdell Frazier Young Awards

#### Women's Resource Center (WRC) Scholarships

The Verdell Frazier Young Award was established to assist women and gender minorities who have had an interruption in pursuing a college degree. Awards are available for Fall, Spring and Summer.

Individual applicants can be awarded for two semesters within a given degree program.

Applications for Spring 2025, Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 are currently being accepted on a rolling basis. Applications for the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 terms will be reviewed in April and candidates will be notified in early May regarding award decisions. Applicants for Summer and Fall 2025 are HIGHLY encouraged to submit applications before April 1, 2025 for full consideration.

Additional questions can be directed to the Women's Resources Center at [womenscenter@illinois.edu](mailto:womenscenter@illinois.edu) or 217-333-3137.

[Click here to Apply](#)

# CSGGE Programs

## Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minors

CSGGE 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 2023, 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.



Certificate in  
Global Health

## Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with Center for the Study of Gender and Global Equity (CSGGE), 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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