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WGPP Upcoming Events



Graduate Student Book Discussion:

"Hungry Translations: Rethinking 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](#)

WGPP Co-sponsored Events

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

**Friday, February 3 @ 12:00pm CST
University YMCA**

Speakers: **Cassie Carroll, Mike Doyle, Becca Guyette and John Jordan**

Former University Y Board Chair Executive Director, Director of Development and Executive Director

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 WGPP and others. [Click to view upcoming Friday Forum lectures.](#)



IGPA Faculty Coffee: UN Apparatuses on Elimination of Gender Discrimination
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 historic, regional, and international law and mechanisms, and engaging with governments to ensure accountability. She has led major 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 years (twelve years) on the UN Committee on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), during which she also served as the Vice-Chair of the Committee, and as the first Chair of the Working Group on Inquiries. A graduate of Yale Law School (LL.M., J.D.), 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**

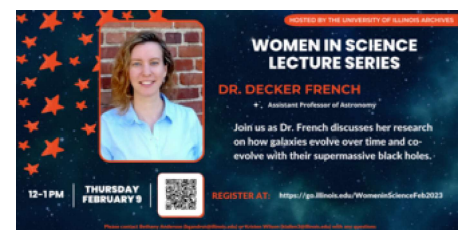
Assistant Professor of Astronomy

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.](#)



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

Director of the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, Roger and Stephany Joslin Professor of Law, Professor of Philosophy and of Political Science

Moderators:**Matt Hausman**

Braver Angels State Coordinator for Illinois (Red)

Chuck Stone

Braver Angels State Coordinator for Illinois (Blue)



Wednesday, February 15, 2023
7 to 8:30 p.m.
I Hotel and Conference Center
Heritage Hall
1000 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 disability@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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Braver Angels State Coordinator for Illinois (Blue)

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)

[Click here to register](#)

ILLS15 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Bilingualism
March 3-4, 2023
Illini Union 407

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-refugee arrival in Canada

Barbara Bullock
On the nature and limits of code-switching

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[go.illinois.edu/ILLS15](#)

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 (WGGP) 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, 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!

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School of Architecture



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Professor, Music



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Counseling, & Education
Services)



Maribel Martin
Chief Information
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Services



Sam Smith
Director of Civic
Engagement and Social
Practice, Krannert Center
for Performing Arts

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Introducing our first guest speaker for International Women's Day: **Katie Shumway**! Katie is the Director of Community Learning Lab in the School of Social Work. Her background working with adolescents, childhood obesity, the aging population, and hospice has led to her particular interest in her current position. Katie has her LCSW and began working with the School of Social Work's Community Learning Lab in 2014.

Our second guest speaker for International Women's Day is **Yulanda Curtis**! Yulanda is a Clinical Associate Professor in the College of Law. Yulanda joined the University of Illinois College of Law in 2018 to develop a new Veterans Legal Clinic, which provides free civil legal assistance to veterans and their family members.



Upcoming Campus Events

University of Illinois Research in Partnership with Njala University in Sierra Leone:
Lightning Presentations on Current Research

Sponsor: Center for African Studies (CAS)

Location: **Room 306 Coble Hall** | Feb 1, 2023, 12:00 pm

Speakers: **Paul E. McNamara, Ann-Perry Witmer, Caleb Bruhn, Momodu S. Kanu, Jingru Jia, Agnes Milliouno**

This presentation features faculty and students from both the University of Illinois Research and Njala University in Sierra Leone. It is also a lightning presentation on their current research and will be hosted by Dr. Paul McNamara.

Livestream: <https://go.illinois.edu/lightningpresentation>

Contact: Fangyong Kuma | ekuma2@illinois.edu



"Maintaining Online Connection in a Post-pandemic World; Virtual Exchange as an Accomplice to Mobility"

Thursday | February 2 | 12pm
International & Area Studies Library, Room 309
or online via Zoom

Now that traditional mobility has resumed, what happens to the global classrooms, virtual exchanges, virtual internships, and COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) projects developed during the pandemic? Can such programs be recruited to encourage interest in study abroad? Do such programs develop global citizens? Using the College of Education IGlobal project as an example, we will discuss how online global programming can work in tandem with traditional mobility to develop global citizenship in students.

[Register here](#)



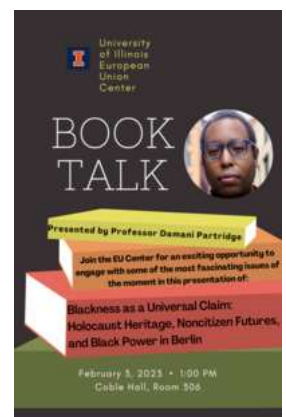
Book Talk: "Blackness as a Universal Claim: Holocaust Heritage, Noncitizen Futures, and Black Power in Berlin"

Friday | February 3 | 1pm
Coble Hall 306

Speaker: **Professor Damani J. Partridge**

Professor of Anthropology and Afroamerican and African Studies, German Department affiliate at the University of Michigan

In this bold and provocative book, Partridge examines the possibilities and limits of a universalized Black politics. Young people in Germany of Turkish, Arab, and African descent use claims of Blackness to hold states and other institutions accountable for their everyday struggle. [Click here for more information](#)



This event is part of the [Interseminars](#) event series:
"Critical Futures: Re-Imagining Academia's Relevance"

Tuesday | February 7 | 7:30pm
Levis Faculty Center, Rm. 300

Speaker: **Dr. Amber Johnson**
Communication, Saint Louis University

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](#)



"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

Speaker: **Dr. Felisa Vergara Reynolds**

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

WGPP Graduate Fellowships & Awards

WGPP 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 WGPP's website for details](#)

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- BARBARA A. YATES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP*, \$ 14,000
- *Must be GRID Students
- EVELYNE ACCAD AND PAUL VIEILLE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD, up to \$ 1,000 ***Must have research in North Africa or Middle East

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

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

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

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Summer Faculty Fellowships | **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

HR's Summer Faculty Fellowships are designed to help faculty at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign maximize the summer in service of their ongoing professional development. **We're excited to share that this year we are offering new ways to use this funding!**

Recipients can use the award as an infusion of resources to jumpstart or fuel an ongoing **research project**, undertake **course development**, or pursue a **professional training opportunity** over the summer months. [Summer Faculty Fellowship Info](#)

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 information](#)

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!

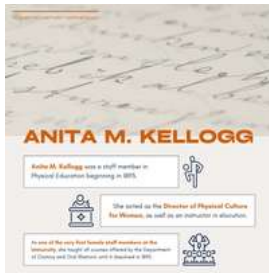
[Head to WGGP's website](#) to access all 5 recordings. Learn from representatives from the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Center (NPC), the president/CEO of the Japanese American Museum, and professors from the University of Illinois and Kyushu University in Japan.

[Access all recordings here](#)

**Women in History Wednesday**

Happy #WomeninHistoryWednesday!

Anita M. Kellogg was a staff member in Physical Education beginning in 1893. She acted as the Director of Physical Culture for Women, as well as an instructor in elocution. [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

Paul E. McNamara and Ann-Perry Witmer

WGPP Faculty affiliates **Paul E. McNamara** and **Ann-Perry Witmer** will host a talk featuring research on lightning on February 1. The event will be hosted by Dr. Paul E. McNamara. See more details above under "Campus Events."

Click the links below to visit their faculty affiliate profiles!

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

[Ann-Perry Witmer](#)

[Paul E. McNamara](#)

January's Alumni Spotlight: Khalida Malik

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

Current Position:

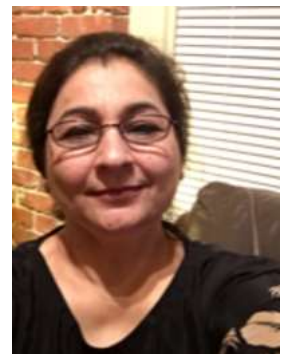
Retired (United Nations World Food Program)

Location: United States

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

After retirement, undertake consultancies and also get involved in volunteer work.

[Click here for full interview](#)



Angharad N. Valdivia

Announcements

Student Announcements

- WGPP GRID Student **Marina Moscoso Arabía** (PhD in Human Geography and GRID Interdisciplinary Minor) received a fellowship for 2023-2024 from the Human Research Institute's (HRI) Interseminars program. Congratulations, Marina!
- WGPP GRID Student **Mia Leigh Renna** has recently been accepted as a Security Fellow for the Truman National Security Project. [Learn more about the Truman National Security Project here.](#) Congratulations, Mia!

REGISTRATION OPEN: 2023 Student Success Initiative Symposium

We are happy to announce registration for the [2023 Student Success Initiative Symposium](#) on **Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Illini Union** is open!

[Register now](#) and you will join Interim Provost William Bernhard and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Danita M. Brown Young along with your colleagues to participate in the ongoing discussion about what our campus is doing and will do to bolster retention and graduation rates, close equity gaps, and



Keynote Speaker: **James K. Winfield, Ed.D.**

Associate Dean for First Year Experience, General Education, & Retention Strategies at Southern New Hampshire University's Global Campus

→ [Register Today!](#) ←

The deadline for registration is February 2, 2023.

2023 Community Scholars Application Now Open

Interested in doing research with impact this summer? The [Community-Academic Scholars Initiative](#) matches undergraduates with research projects designed to directly benefit community members served by the partner organization. We are pleased to announce that the Summer 2023 student application period is now open. **The deadline to apply is Feb. 6 at 11:59 p.m.**



[Details and application here](#)

Free eBook Downloads of Abortion and Reproductive Rights-Related Titles

Considering the Supreme Court's recent overturning of Roe v. Wade—the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion nationwide—Rutgers University Press is making a collection of eBooks about abortion and reproductive rights [free to download](#) until the end of January 2023.



Act Now! Less than One Week to Take Advantage of This Offer!

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](#)

Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with WGPP and LAS Global Studies



Certificate in Global Health

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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