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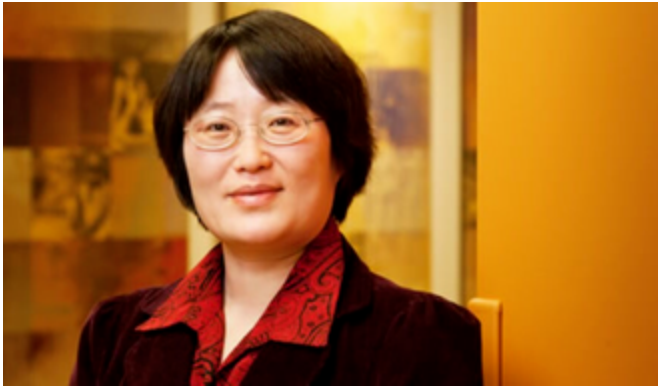
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Director's Welcome

Dear CSGGE Community:



On behalf of everyone at the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year. The year 2025 is a landmark one as we celebrate our 45th anniversary and mark a major milestone: our transition to a permanent center under the new name. While the name has evolved, our dedication to fostering human development, promoting social justice, and advancing the study of gender identity remains at the heart of our

work.

We have an exciting lineup of programming and events this year. We will kick off the semester with our annual [Fall Reception](#), a joyful opportunity to learn more about our center, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. Alongside our highlighted annual events, the Alumni Lecture, Faculty Affiliate Lecture, and International Women's Day celebration, we are thrilled to announce the 2025–2026 Lecture Series on *Gendered Displacement and Erasure*. This series will feature distinguished speakers from our campus and across the nation throughout the year. In October, we will also present a MillerComm Lecture that brings academic and public perspectives to the urgent topic of climate change.

In addition, we will host and co-host faculty affiliate–initiated events that convene national and international scholars to explore intersectional, data-driven, and community-anchored approaches to advancing global gender equity. We also welcome opportunities to co-sponsor events with units across campus, so please check our [website](#) for the full list of upcoming programs.

We are proud of the education and support that CSGGE provides to students. This year, we will continue to offer professional development opportunities for students in our graduate minor on [Gender Relations in International Development \(GRID\)](#) and for graduate students across campus. These include fellowship information sessions, writing workshops, writing groups and lightning talks led by GRID students, and the new series of panel discussion on community-engaged research for graduate students. Each year, we offer a competition for [graduate student awards](#) that includes two full year fellowships and a research award. Please join us in congratulating the 2025-2026 CSGGE Fellowship and Award Recipients: Margie Giacalone (Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship), Asmaa Elsayed (Barbara A. Yates Fellowship), Mahbubeh Moqadam (Accad and Vieille Award), and Ayesnur Senel (Accad and Vieille Award).

This year brings further exciting developments with the launch of the newly approved [Master of Science in Global Studies](#) program, which features a *Gender and Public Policy* track. This innovative track equips students with the skills needed to address global gender equity and human security issues through interdisciplinary, intersectional approaches. It prepares students for leadership roles in government and nonprofit organizations focused on gender and policy

We look forward to a year filled with meaningful dialogue, impactful research, and a continued commitment to equity and justice. Our weekly newsletters will continue to share upcoming events, and our *Monthly Perspectives* will highlight updates from our faculty affiliates and GRID students. If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you. We are always happy to meet to discuss any questions about our programs or ways to get involved with CSGGE. Please feel free to contact me or our Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at arkaiser@illinois.edu or (217) 333-6221.

We look forward to seeing you at our events and working together in the exciting year ahead!

Warm regards,

Min Zhan

Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity
Professor, School of Social Work

AAUW Information Session, Friday, Aug. 29

AAUW Fellowship Information Session

Led by:

Dana Johnson, PhD,

Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College

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FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION SESSION
American Association of University Women

Information Session led by
 Dana Johnson, PhD
 Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College

Friday, August 29th
12-1:30 PM
 306 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street
 Lunch included with Registration (starting at 11:45am)

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

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. This information session will focus on AAUW's International & American Fellowships. Current submission deadline is September 30.

Co-sponsors: The Graduate College; Center for Global Studies; Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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- Friday, August 29th
- 12:00-1:30pm (Lunch starting at 11:45am)
- Room 306 Coble Hall

Lunch included with registration

CSGGE Fall Reception

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- Thursday, September 4th**
- 4-5pm (Remarks at 4:20 pm)**



 **YMCA Latzer Hall,
1001 S. Wright Street, Champaign**

RSVP appreciated by Sept. 1

Fall 2025 Events

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August 29 | 12-1:30pm
AAUW Information Session
 306 Coble Hall
 Lunch provided with RSVP
go.illinois.edu/AAUWInfo

September 4 | 4-5pm
CSGGE Fall Reception
 Latzer Hall, University YMCA
 RSVP appreciated by Sep. 1
go.illinois.edu/CSGGEFallReception

September 8 | 12pm
Write Like a Man: Jewish Masculinity and the New York Intellectuals
 Dr. Ronnie Grinberg,
 University of Oklahoma
co-sponsored by CSGGE
 Lucy Ellis Lounge (LCLB 1080)

September 16 | 5pm
Something about Living
 Lena Khalaf Tuffaha
co-sponsored by CSGGE
 Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum

September 23 | 12pm
 MillerComm Lecture Series
Who Elected Big Tech?
 Allison Stanger
co-sponsored by CSGGE
 Levis Faculty Center, Room 210

September 23 | 4pm
Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure"
"African Refugees, Gender and the Global Polycrisis"
 Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso,
 Brandeis University
 306 Coble Hall

October 1 | 4-5pm and October 3 | 10-11am
GRID Minor Information Sessions
 Learn about the Gender Relations In International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor
 306 Coble Hall

October 8 | 12pm
Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure"
 Dr. Erik McDuffie
 CSGGE Faculty Affiliate
 306 Coble Hall

October 8 | 4pm
 MillerComm Lecture Series
Climate Change and the Urgency of Hope, Action, and Joy
 Lisa Reyes Mason, University of Denver
 Levis Faculty Center, Room 210

October 9-10
Beyond Borders: Global Mental Health Research and Services
co-sponsored by CSGGE
 I-Hotel and Conference Center
 Registration required

October 10 | 12pm
The Illinois Partnership for African Women's Health Narratives, a cross-continental transmedia initiative
 Stretch Ledford
 Host: Center for African Studies
co-sponsored by CSGGE
 306 Coble Hall

October 21 | 12pm
Panel on "Community-Engaged Research in Action: Insights for Graduate Students"
 Hosted by CSGGE and IHSI; Co-sponsored by Humanities Research Institute
 Levis Faculty Center, Room 210
 Lunch provided with RSVP
<https://redcap.link/CERpanel>

October 22 | 12-3pm
Effective Fellowship Writing Workshop
 306 Coble Hall
 Lunch provided with RSVP
go.illinois.edu/Fellowshipworkshop

October 28 | 5pm
Ayelet Tsabari, Einhorn Lecture Series
 Author of the National Jewish Book award-winning novel, *Songs for Brokenhearted*
 Alice Campbell Hall
co-sponsored by CSGGE

Graduate Student Writing Group
 Sep 15-Dec 15 Biweekly
 If interested, contact arkaiser@illinois.edu

For information on CSGGE hosted or co-sponsored events, please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/CSGGEevents> or click on QR code





Please visit our website for a full list of hosted and co-sponsored events

Click to view full calendar of events

CSGGE Social Media



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CSGGE Programs



Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor

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 2025, 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

**Master of Science
in Global Studies**



Call for Applications
Apply Now

The MS in Global Studies (MSGS) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option. The program prepares students for careers that require knowledge of and an ability to work within areas related to (1) Global Governance, (2) Global Security, and (3) Gender & Public Policy by equipping them with the analytical and professional skills necessary to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. It emphasizes real-world, professional training and experience by enabling students to study, research, and work globally and with international communities and industry partners. The MSGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global impact.



Admission requirements

- Completed or be pursuing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning for three (3) or more years of initial professional work experience
- Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission

<https://pgs.illinois.edu/graduate/master-global-studies/program-overview/application>

CSGGE joins the ACDIS and the Center for Global Studies to offer a Master of Science in Global Studies. CSGGE's track is Gender & Public Policy. The MS in Global Studies (MSGS) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option.

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Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Global Gender 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.**

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