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CSGGE Fall Reception Reflection

Dear CSGGE Community:

On behalf of everyone at the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for all Fall 2025 Reception! It was wonderful to see so many of you and to share such engaging conversations. We are truly grateful for your continued support of our Center, and we look forward to more connections and collaborations in this coming year.



We hope to see you at our future 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

New Executive Committee 2025-2028

Thank you to all of the faculty affiliates that opted in and voted during the CSGGE Executive Committee elections.

We are happy to announce our 2025-2026 Executive Committee

Committee Members:

Mary Arends-Kuenning, International Programs, College of ACES
 Kate Clancy, Anthropology
 Sandraluz Lara-Cinisomo, Health and Kinesiology
 Ghassan Moussawi, Sociology
 Rachel Storm, Krannert Art Museum
 Ann-Perry Witmer, Carle Illinois College of Medicine/Agricultural and Biological Engineering

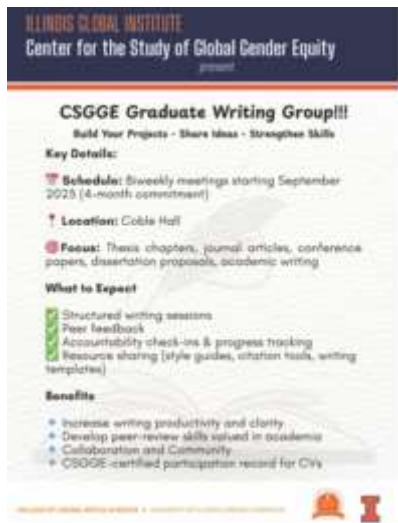
GRID Student Representatives:

Soodeh Mansouri, Sociology
 Kshitij Tewari, Recreation, Sport and Tourism

Ex-Officio Members:

Mahruq Kahn, Gender & Women's Studies
 Cindy Ingold, Gender and Multicultural Services Librarian

CSGGE Events This Week



Graduate Student Writing Group

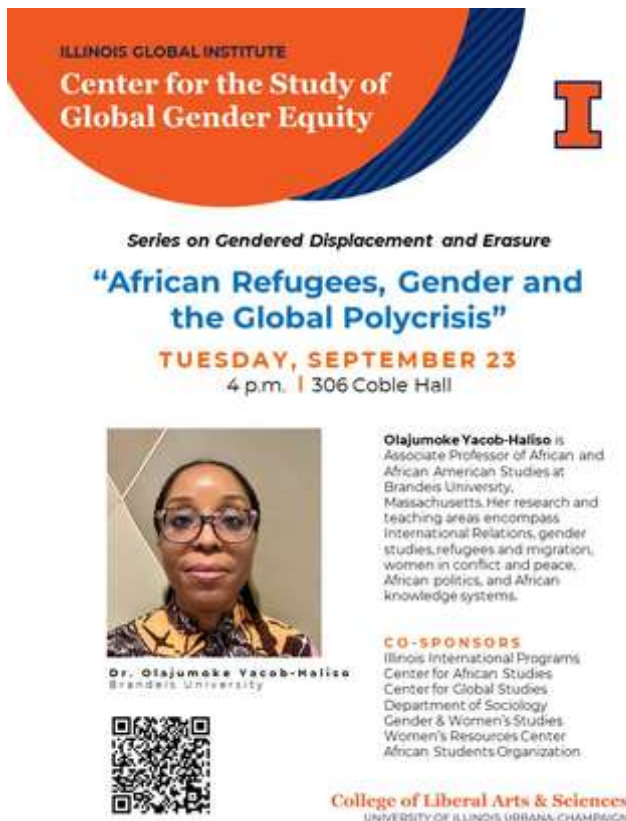
 **Friday, September 19th**

 **3pm - 6pm**

 **108 Coble Hall,
801 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL**

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

CSGGE Events Coming Soon



Series on Gendered Displacement and Erasure

"African Refugees, Gender, and the Global Polycrisis"

Speaker: Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, Brandeis University

Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso is Associate Professor of African and African American Studies at Brandeis University, Massachusetts. Her research and teaching areas encompass International Relations, gender studies, refugees and migration, women in conflict and peace, African politics, and African knowledge systems.

 **Tuesday, September 23rd**




 **4pm**

 **306 Coble Hall,
801 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL**

This event is co-sponsored by: Illinois International Programs; Center for African Studies; Center for Global Studies; Department of Sociology; Gender & Women's Studies; Women's Resources Center; and the African Students Organization



MillerComm Lecture Series 2026: Climate Change and the Urgency of Hope, Action and Joy by Dr. Lisa Reyes Mason

 **Wednesday, October 8th**
 **4pm**
 **Levi Faculty Center, Room 210**
919 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL

In this talk, Dr. Reyes Mason will highlight examples of climate injustice in the US and abroad, then provide ways to "connect the dots" and multi-solve the climate crisis with other societal problems, discuss strategies for action including collaborating across sectors and silos, and offer touchstones of hope and joy inspired by Christiana Figueres' approach to

holding both "outrage and optimism" and Eve Tuck's "desire-based" framework for community partnership and social change.

Hosted by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, in conjunction with Center for Global Studies, College of Law, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Department of Natural Resources, & Environmental Science Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment, School of Social Work. Series support provided by: Center for Advanced Study, George A. Miller Endowment, James Marchand Memorial Fund, Ledyard R. Tucker Fund, Peggy Harris Memorial Fund.

CSGGE Co-Sponsored Events

Something About Living

Speaker: Lena Khalaf Tuffaha, National award-winning Poet, Essayist, and Translator

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences | Illinois Global Institute
Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies



SOMETHING ABOUT LIVING

This book is a lyrical meditation on Palestinian life, memory, and resistance. Winner of the National Book Award, the collection blends poetic innovation with political insight. In this talk, Tuffaha will read from her work and reflect on how her poetry engages with Palestinian culture, history, and politics.

**TUESDAY,
SEP 16, 2025**

5:00-7:00 PM at Knight Auditorium
Spurlock Museum, 600 S. Gregory St,
Urbana, IL 61801






AN EVENING WITH
**LENA KHALAF
TUFFAHA**

National award-winning Poet,
Essayist, and Translator

CO-SPONSORS: CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY; CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES; CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC STUDIES; CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDIES; CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES; CENTER FOR SOUTH ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES; CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY; CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM; DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE & WORLD LITERATURE; EUROPEAN UNION CENTER; ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE; LAS GLOBAL STUDIES; LEMANN CENTER FOR BRAZILIAN STUDIES; PROGRAM IN ARMS CONTROL & DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY; THE PROGRAM IN JEWISH CULTURE & SOCIETY; RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN CENTER.

*CO-SPONSORING UNITS HOUSE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES BUT ALL HOLD THAT A HEALTHY UNIVERSITY ATMOSPHERE REQUIRES DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND DIALOGUE.

Tuffaha will present readings from her poetry collection *Something About Living*, which explores the life, resistance, and historical suffering experienced by the Palestinian people. Within her lecture, Tuffaha will reflect on how her work articulates Palestinian heritage, collective memory, and sociopolitical realities.

 **Tuesday, September 16th**
 **5pm - 7pm**
 **Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum**
600 S. Gregory St, Urbana, IL

This event is hosted by: The Center for South Asian
Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

This event is co-sponsored by: The Center for South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies; Center for Advanced Study; Center for African Studies; Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies; Center for Global Studies; Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; Department of Comparative and World Literature; European Union Center; Illinois Global Institute; LAS Global Studies; Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies; Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security; The Program in Jewish Culture and Society; Russian, East European and Eurasian Center

MillerComm Lecture Series: Who Elected Big Tech?

Speaker: Allison Stanger, Middlebury Distinguished Endowed Professorship Provost's Office

 **Tuesday, September 23rd**
 **12pm**
 **Levis Faculty Center, Room 210**
919 W. Illinois St, Urbana

This event is hosted by: The Center for Global Studies

This event is Co-sponsored by: Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE); Cline Center for Advanced Social Research; College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES);



Department of Political Science; Illinois Global Institute;
Information Trust Institute; Grainger College of Engineering;
International and Area Studies Library; LAS Global Studies;
National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA);
Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International
Security (ACDIS); School of Information Sciences

University YMCA Friday Forum

FRIDAY FORUM
+ CONVERSATION CAFÉ
September 19 | 12:00-1:00
11:00-11:45 – meet & greet with NAWC's new director!

**CU IMMIGRATION -
REALITIES & RESPONSES**

Francisco Baires
Director of the University YMCA's
New American Welcome Center

E. Daniela Vergara
Associate Director of the University YMCA's
New American Welcome Center

UNIVERSITY YMCA
1001 S. WRIGHT ST., CHAMPAIGN
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YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Friday, September 19th
 12pm - 1pm
 University YMCA Latzer Hall
1001 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL

Speaker: Francisco Baires, Director of the University YMCA's New American Welcome Center & E. Daniela Vergara, Associate Director of the University YMCA's New American Welcome Center

Please join the University YMCA and Diversity & Social Justice Education for our Fall 2025

Friday Forum + Conversation Café series. Students, faculty, and community members are invited to hear from local advocates as they discuss crucial public issues. All lectures are free and open to the public, taking place on Fridays at 12 PM in Latzer Hall at the University YMCA! Free lunch will be provided. The first presentation will be taking place on Friday, September 19th, featuring a discussion on CU Immigration: Realities and Responses with Leadership from NAWC.

Please, click here to view upcoming events

This event is co-sponsored by: Bruce D. Nesbitt African-American Cultural Center; Center for Advanced Study; Center for Global Studies and the US Department of Education Title VI Grant; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; College of Fine & Applied Arts; Department of African American Studies; Education Justice Project; First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana; First Presbyterian Church; Champaign, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center; Humanities Research Institute; Office of the Provost; Prairie Research Institute; School of Social Work; Social Action Council of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign; Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting; Urbana Champaign Reproductive Justice; Women's Resources Center

Women in Science Lecture Series Fall 2025

About Women in Science Lecture Series

Starting October 9th, 2025, The University of Illinois Archives has announced that they will be hosting monthly women in science lecture series, featuring speakers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign scientific enterprise. The lecture series will concentrate on highlighting a vast range of innovations and contributions of women in sciences at the University of Illinois. The University of Illinois Archive wants to highlight the importance of identifying women in scientific fields of study and engineers, in order to develop a diversified historical record. Please share this information with anyone who seems interested!

University of Illinois Archives

Upcoming Speaker: Dr. Karen Terio, Professor and Interim Assistant Director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Chief of the Zoological Pathology Program, and Professor of Veterinary Clinical Medicine



Thursday, October 9th



12pm - 1pm



Main Library, Room 146

1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL

Virtual: Join Online via link provided upon registration

Please, click here to register for Women in Science October lecture: Karen Terio

This event hosted by: The University of Illinois Archives

This event is co-sponsored by: The Center for the Study of global Gender Equity (CSGGE)

Fall 2025 Events

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OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY

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
Latzner 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)

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

September 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

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

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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"
"The Second Battle for Africa: Writing New Histories of Global Africa"
Dr. Erik McDuffie
CSGGE Faculty Affiliate
co-hosted by Center for African Studies
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 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

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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](#)

Events of Interest

HRI Organize and Analyze: Social Movements Reading Group

The Humanities Research Institute (HRI) reading group will discuss a diverse set of readings on global working-class social movements through a range of media including readings, films, short stories, plays, and poems. Meetings for the fall of 2025 are Mondays 5:30-7 PM starting Monday September 8th and will take place at Lincoln Hall 3057, where there will be a discussion of *Augustus Wood's Class Warfare in Black Atlanta*. All are welcome to join, even if you are unable to make the first meeting! Refreshment will be

provided. Please [RSVP](#), to be added to the mailing list to receive the syllabus and readings. To learn more about the program, please click [here](#).

Humanities Research Institute (HRI)

 **September 8 - December 1st**

 **5:30pm - 7:00pm**

 **3057 Lincoln Hall,
702 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL**



Fall 2025 Survivor Strategies at the WRC

Survivor strategies is a place where people can come together and provide self-care strategies and support to survivors. Together, individuals will be able to make connections with survivors and build a community. All are welcome, Tuesday, September 9th will be the first meeting of the semester and will focus the conversation on boundaries!

 **Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday**

 **6:30pm - 8:00 pm**

 **WRC**

616 E. Green St, Suite 213

Upcoming Survivor Strategies
Sessions

Scholar-Activist Research in the Academy: Challenges and Opportunities

Speaker: Prof. McKenzie F. Johnson, Associate Professor of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences

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**Scholar-Activist
Research in the
Academy:**
Challenges and Opportunities

Prof. McKenzie F.
Johnson
Natural Resources and
Environmental Sciences,
UIUC

SEPT. 15
3PM

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HALL 306

UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN

Monday, September 15th

3pm

**306 Coble Hall,
801 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL**
**Sponsor: Center for Latin American and
Caribbean Studies**

Please, click here to learn more
about CLACS Talk Series event

Designing & Delivering STEM Outreach

Empowering graduate students to create hands-on STEM experiences for youth and families.

Program Overview:

This program equips graduate students with the knowledge, skills, and experience to design and deliver engaging STEM activities for K-12 audiences.

- Translate complex concepts into interactive, age-appropriate activities.
- Foster curiosity, inclusion, and accessibility in STEM learning.
- Manage group dynamics and adapt for diverse learning styles.

Who should apply:

Graduate students from all disciplines interested in STEM education, outreach, and science communication. No prior outreach experience required.



Apply by Friday, August 29!
go.illinois.edu/I-Sci-DDSO



Key Program Dates:

- Part 1: Program Kickoff**
September 8 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meet your cohort, engage in team-building, and explore activity design foundations.
- Part 2: Family STEM Night Observation**
Sept. 11, Sept. 30, and Oct. 9 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Observe real outreach events and gather insights.
- Part 3: Proposal Presentation & Feedback**
October 14 | 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Share ideas, get peer and mentor feedback.
- Part 4: Activity Walkthrough for Feedback**
October 28 | 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Test activities and refine based on feedback.
- Part 5: National STEM Day Showcase**
November 8 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Present your idea at a public event!

Designing and Delivering STEM Outreach

Click Here for Upcoming Program
Dates and Application Form(s)

Announcements

New! Career Development ToolKit on Canvas

The Career Service Council announces the [Career Development Toolkit](#) on Canvas, a tool that offers self-paced modules on a platform you already know from your courses, but without grades or deadlines. Whether you're exploring career options or considering your next move, the Toolkit will guide you forward! Further, this tool will allow you to know yourself, examine options, acquire expertise, present achievements, and network! Please, share this information with faculty and students.

Career Service Council (CSC)

Proposal Advising

The Office of External Fellowships is offering individual reviews of draft proposals for external fellowships and grants! Through a collaborative process, they focus on providing constructive criticism and feedback to help enhance your application.

The Office of External Fellowships

Please, [click here to learn more](#)

Application Portal Open: HRI Faculty and Graduate Fellowship 2026-2027

The Humanity Research Institute announces its 2026-27 [Campus Fellowship](#) to faculty and graduate students! HRI states that the Fellowship will allow faculty and graduate students to undergo research projects based on the yearly theme and active participation in the yearlong interdisciplinary Fellows Seminar and related programming. This years theme is "Up Against Erasure."

Humanities Research Institute (HRI)

The submission portal opens: September 1, 2025

Deadline: 5:00 PM Central on Friday, December 5, 2025

HRI Reading Groups 2025-26

The Humanities Reserch Institute announces reading groups for the 2025-26 academic year! Here, faculty and students will regularly meet throughout the year and possibly have the opportunity to organize public events of interest to a vast range of academic fields!

HRI Reserarch Institute (HRI)

The reading groups include:

Diversity in Youth Literature Study Group

Introducing Hans Blumenberg: History, Myth, and Science

Migration, Language, and Culture in Europe

Modern Jewish Thought

Organize & Analyze: Social Movements Reading Group

Visions of Abolitionisms

Please contact the [reading.group.organizers](#) for information about each group and their activities!

CSGGE Social Media



Follow our social media for the latest updates from CSGGE.

Click to join our Social Media

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



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.

Click to learn more information on MSGS



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.**

Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate



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