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## **New Executive Committee 2025-2026**

**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

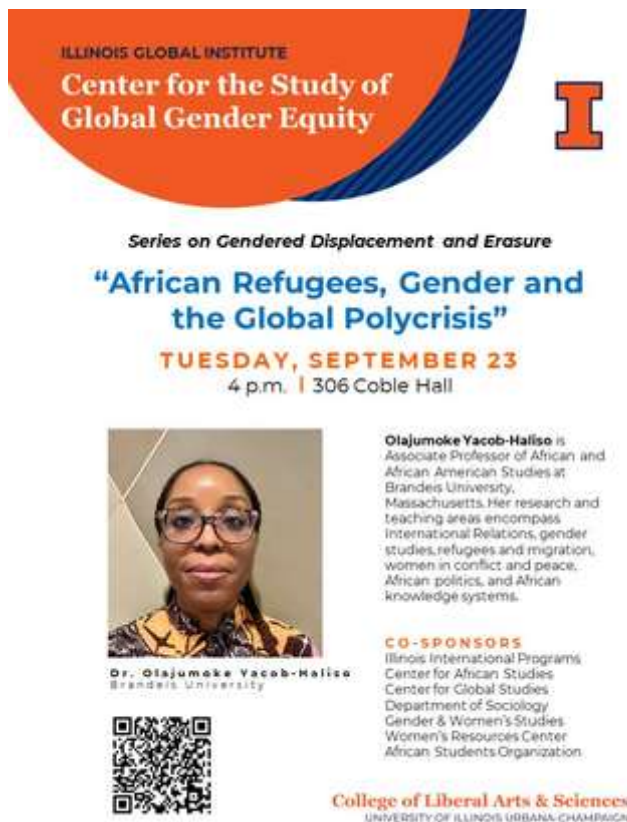
Kshitij Tewari, Recreation, Sport and Tourism

### Ex-Officio Members:

Mahruq Kahn, Gender & Women's Studies

Cindy Ingold, Gender and Multicultural Services Librarian


## CSGGE Events This Week



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*Series on Gendered Displacement and Erasure*  
**"African Refugees, Gender and  
the Global Polycrisis"**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
4 p.m. | 306 Coble Hall

  
**Dr. 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.

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### 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.

**Date: Tuesday, September 23rd**

**Time: 4 pm**

**Location: 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: Who Elected Big Tech?

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



**Date: Tuesday, September 23rd**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), Room 1030  
1205 W. Clark 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

## CSGGE Events Coming Soon



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

**Speaker: Dr. Lisa Reyes Mason, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver**

**Date: Wednesday, October 8th**

**Time: 4 pm**

**Location: Levis 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.

This event is 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.



## **Community-Engaged Research Insights for Graduate Students, Oct. 21**

Graduate students interested in community-engaged research are invited to join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, Humanities Research Institute, and Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute for a lunch and panel discussion.

**Date: Tuesday, Oct. 21**

**Time: 12-1:30 pm**

**Location: Levis Faculty Center, Room 210**

**919 W. Illinois St, Urbana, IL**

During this event, a panel of experts from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a local community organization will discuss their experience conducting community-engaged research projects. They will share insights, best practices, and answer questions you might have about delving into this type of work. This is an opportunity not only to learn from campus experts about community-engaged research, but also to connect with like-minded peers who are passionate about building community partnerships and exploring how community voices can be integrated into your work.

Please register by October 14th



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

Click to view full calendar of events

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

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

**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-Halliso, 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](http://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](mailto:arkaiser@illinois.edu)

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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



## University YMCA Friday Forum

### YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Speaker: Robert F. Case, Photographer and Activist

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: University YMCA Latzer Hall

1001 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL

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. On Friday, September



26th, the presentation will be on the topic From Vietnam to the Quad: Student Activism at the University of Illinois in Early 1970.

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

## Women in Science Lecture Series Fall 2025

The University of Illinois Archive 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!

**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

**Date:** Thursday, October 9th

**Time:** 12 pm - 1 pm

**Location:** 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 is hosted by: The University of Illinois Archive  
Co-sponsored by: The Center for the Study of Global  
Gender Equity

## Campus 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](#).

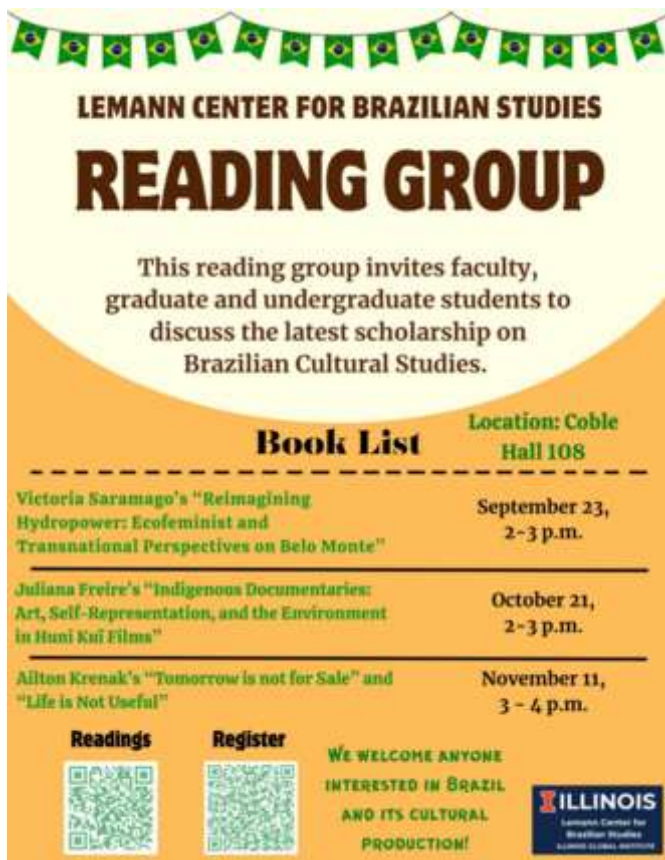
Humanities Research Institute (HRI)

**Date: September 8th - December 1st**

**Time: 5:30 - 7 pm**

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





## Brazilian Studies Reading Group

The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies presents: The Brazilian Studies Reading Group! Join us for the Brazilian Studies reading group, an opportunity for faculty, graduates and undergraduate students to engage in thoughtful discussions on topics centered around Brazil's Indigenous communities. This fall, we will explore a range of texts that highlight Indigenous customs and traditions, examine the environmental injustices related to the construction of the Belo Monte Dam, and feature essays by Ailton Krenak, the first indigenous writer accepted by the Brazilian Academy of Letters.

The Meetings are from 2 pm to 3 pm September 23rd and October 21st, and 3 pm to 4 pm November 11th. The first meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd, will discuss Victoria Saramago's "Reimagining Hydropower: Ecofeminist and

Transnational Perspectives on Belo Monte."

Lemon Center for Brazilian Studies

**Date: Tuesday, September 23rd**  
**Time: 2 pm - 3 pm**  
**Location: Coble Hall, Room 108**  
**801 S. Wright St, Champaign, 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 23rd will focus the conversation on healing through art with Krannert Art Museum.

**Date: Tuesday, September 23rd**  
**Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Location: WRC**  
**616 E. Green St, Suite 213**

Upcoming Survivor Strategies Sessions





The Interdisciplinary Health Institute is pleased to announce that the Spurlock Museum Collaboration and Community Gallery will hold the first event of the 2025-26 Community-Engaged Research Series. Taking place on September 30th, 8:30 am - 10:30 am., this event offers a valuable opportunity to network through Community-Engaged Research, learn more about community-engaged recourse on

campus, and gain insights from a prosperous academic-community research team. This series will feature Anna Mendoza, a professor of Linguistics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Sadia Rahman, a case worker at The Refugee Center. To learn more, [please register by September 23rd, 2025!](#)

Interdisciplinary Health Science Institute (IHSI)

### Agenda

8:30 - 9 a.m. – Check-in and breakfast

9 - 9:10 a.m. – Welcome and speaker introductions

9:10 - 9:40 a.m. – Presentation by Anna Mendoza and Sadia Rahman

9:40 - 9:50 a.m. – Questions

9:50 - 10 a.m. – Resources overview by CERS team/transition to breakout tables

10 - 10:30 a.m. – Breakout tables

## 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](mailto: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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