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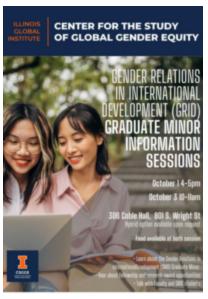
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CSGGE Events This Week

Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor Information Session

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) for an informational session on the Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Minor. There are two sessions available, *October 1st at 4-5 pm, and October 3rd at 10-11 am, both at 306 Cobel Hall, 801 S Wright St. Champaign IL,* 61801. This informational session will go over the GRID Graduate Minor and fellowship and research award opportunities. There will also be a chance to talk with GRID students and faculty. There will be food available at both sessions, and a hybrid option is available upon request. For questions or to request virtual attendance, please contact Anita Kaiser. For more information, click here.



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CSGGE Events Coming Soon



Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure"

Speaker: Dr. Erik McDuffie, Associate Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University at Urbana-Champaign

Date: Wednesday, October 8th

Time: 12 pm

Location: 306 Coble Hall 801 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL

Join CSGGE Faculty Affiliate, <u>Dr. Erik McDuffie</u> on *October 8 at 12 pm at 306 Cobel Hall* for a talk on "The Second Battle for Africa: Writing New Histories for Africa." This talk discusses research ethics and the politics of research in relation to writing new histories of Global Africa, with special focus on women, gender, and sexualities. Given the histories of unethical research practices of African people on the continent and the diaspora together with the uncertainties of our times, the presentation emphasizes the necessity of African/Africana studies scholars to promote socially responsible scholarship committed to advancing the freedom and well-being of African-descended people globally.

This event is co-sponsored by the Center for African Studies.



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: Alice Campbell Alumni Center

601 S. Lincoln Ave, 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, & Environental 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.



Beyond Borders: Global Health Research and Services Conference

Date: Thursday, October 9th and Friday, October 10

Time: 8:45 am - 5 pm

Location: I-Hotel and Conference Center

1900 S. 1st St, Champaign, IL

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is excited to invite you to Beyond Boarders: Global Collaborations for Mental Health Research

and Services Conference, hosted by the School of Social Work and co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) and more. **Join us on October 9 and 10 from 8:45 am to 5 pm at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, 1900 S 1st Street, Champaign, IL 61820**, or join virtually. Coinciding with World Mental Health Day, our theme is: **From local to global, encouraging creative solutions to transcultural mental health challenges.** This two-day hybrid conference will bring together

leaders, researchers, practitioners, and people with lived experience from the local Champaign-Urbana community and around the world. To learn more and register, please click <u>here</u>.

This event is hosted by School of Social Work, and this event is co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and others.



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

Graduate Student Writing Group

Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals:

Graduate students are invited to participate in the upcoming Graduate Student Writing Group; a



workshop focused on developing strong and effective fellowship proposals. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance your academic writing skills and prepare competitive applications. This workshop will be led by **Dr. Dana Johnson, Director of External Fellowship at the Graduate College**. Lunch will be provided for registered attendees starting at 12:00 pm. Don't miss the chance to gain expert guidance, ask questions, and connect with fellow graduate students preparing for fellowship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22nd

Time: 12:30-2:30 pm Location: 306 Coble Hall 801 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL

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Tips for Applying for Grants and Fellowships: Graduate students are invited to participate in

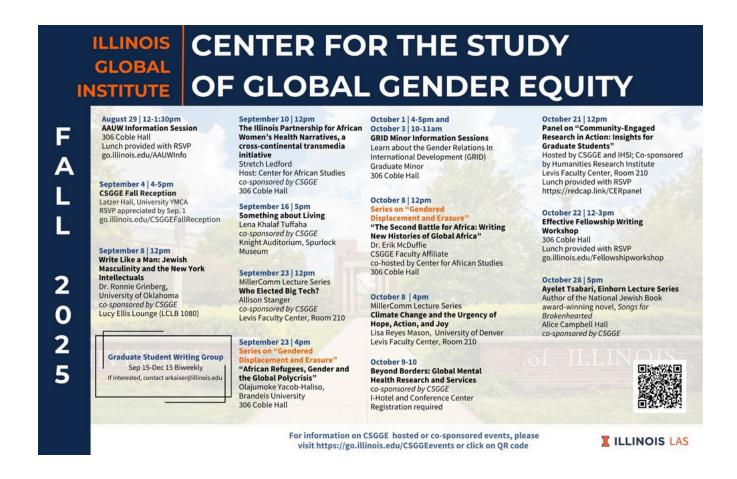
the upcoming Graduate Student Workshop focused on discussing effective tips for applying to grants and fellowships. This session will be led by a panel of Illinois Graduate Students sharing helpful insight and experience when applying for grants and fellowships.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22nd

Time: 2:30-3:00 pm

Location: 306 Coble Hall 801 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL

This event is Co-sponsored by: Center for African Studies; Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies; Center for Global Studies; Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; European Union Center; Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies; and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center.



University YMCA Friday Forum

YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Speakers: Jeanne Kramer and Kim Patton, Leaders of the Neurodiversity Initiative for Students

Date: Friday, October 3rd

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, October 3rd, the presentation will be on the topic of **What Neurodiversity Means + How We Can Advocate for Our Neurodivergent Community.**

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 Chruch 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



CLACS Series, Playing Both Sides: Cerro Blanco - Sayan and the Chimu - Inka War

CLACS presents <u>Dr. Kasia Szremski</u>, research associate (ANTH) and Associate director at the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

Szremski's lecture will spotlight the archeological work at the Chancay site of Cerro Blanco - Sayan (Perú). Historically dismissed as a minor trade outpost, recent research by University of Illinois students under supervision of Professor Szremski challenges this assumption. Their findings suggest that both the Chimu and Inka empires engaged in

intensive ritual activity at the site The compelling research poses an important question: Why these two imperial powers were so interested in such an isolated settlement? Join Dr. Kasia Szremski for an engaging discussion on the study's key insights and the lasting consequences on global geopolitics.

Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Date: Monday, September 29

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: 306 Coble Hall 801 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL

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.



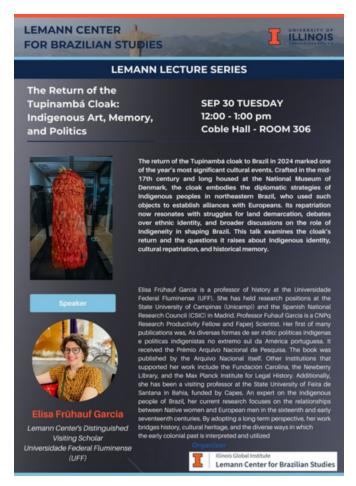
team/transition to breakout tables 10 - 10:30 a.m. – Breakout tables Interdisciplinary Health Science Institute (IHSI)

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



Lemann Lecture Series

Speaker: Elisa Frühauf Garcia, the Lemann Center's Distinguished Visiting Scholar and a Professor of History at the Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF)

The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies present the Lemann Lecture series, where Professor Elisa Frühauf Garcia will discuss The Return of the Tupinamba Cloak: Indigenous Art, Memory, and Politics. In 2024, the Tupinambá cloak was returned to Brazil from Denmark, marking a major cultural event. Originally made in the 17th century, the cloak reflects how Indigenous peoples used such items to form alliances with Europeans. Its return highlights ongoing issues around Indigenous identity, land rights, and cultural heritage in Brazil. The talk will explore these themes, led by Elisa Frühauf Garcia, a historian and expert on Indigenous peoples of Brazil. Her research connects

colonial history with modern debates about identity and cultural memory.

Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies

Date: Tuesday, September 30th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Coble Hall, Room 306 801 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL



Spotlight: Open House Department Events

The Humanities Open House will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm. The open house will provide a diverse set of department activities that are separated into two sections. First, at The Literatures, Cultures, and Linguist (LCLB) from 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm, there will be origami and East Asian Calligraphy with East Asian Languages and Cultures, "French in the Midwest" and games from French and Italian, a live printing

demo with Ryan Cordell from the English Department, a demo of the wellness robot **N1CØLE** from African American Studies, and several **presentations** by undergrads and faculty from Germanic Languages and Literatures. Lastly, the Sidney Dairy Barn "Moo Mobile" will be parked nearby on Nevada!

The second segment will be hosted at the **Main Library from 1:00 - 1:50 pm** and will include an iShowThought: A Socratic Engagement, in which students will be given the opportunity to interact and have discussions with philosophers through the online platform Mentimeter, a **pop-up library and display** of global literature, a **virtual reality tour of the ancient world**, Creative Writing Program **student readings**, and a **Sappho exhibition**. To learn more about the events and complete open house schedule, click <u>here</u>.

Humanities Research Institute (HRI)

Date: Saturday, October 4th Time: 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

Location One: The Literatures, Cultures, and Linguist (LCLB), 707 S. Mathews Ave, Urbana,

IL

Location Two: Main Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL

Fall 2025 Survivor Strategies AT THE WRC 616 E GREEN ST, SUITE 213 Survivor Strategies is a program series designed to provide survivors with new self-care strategies to assist them in their healing journey and to create a space to build community and connect with fellow survivors. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 PM: Tuesday, September 9 - Honoring Your Boundaries Tuesday, September 23 - Healing Through Art with Krannert Art Museum Tuesday, October 14 - Healing Through Movement

Tuesday, October 28 - Handling Triggers

Tuesday, November 11 - Intimacy After Trauma Tuesday, December 9 - Reclaiming Your Narrative

Student Affairs

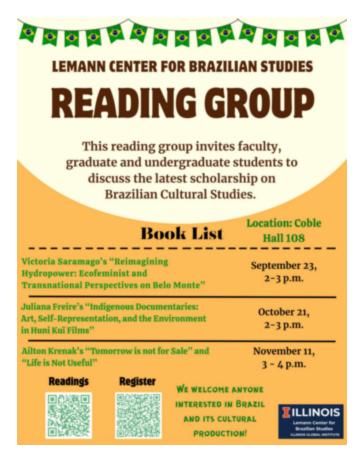
Survivor strategies is a place where people can come together and provide self-care strategies and support to survivors. Together, individuals will be able to make connections with survivors and build a community. All are welcome, Tuesday, October 14th will focus the conversation on healing through movement.

Date: Tuesday, October 14th Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: WRC

616 E. Green St, Suite 213

Upcoming Survivor Strategies
Sessions



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. On Tuesday, October 21st, the reading group will discuss Juliana Freire's

"Indigenous Documentaries: Art, Self-Representation, and the Environment in Huni Kui Films."

Lemon Center for Brazilian Studies

Date: Tuesday, October 21st

Time: 2 pm - 3 pm

Location: Coble Hall, Room 108 801 S. Wright St, Champaign, IL

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. 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

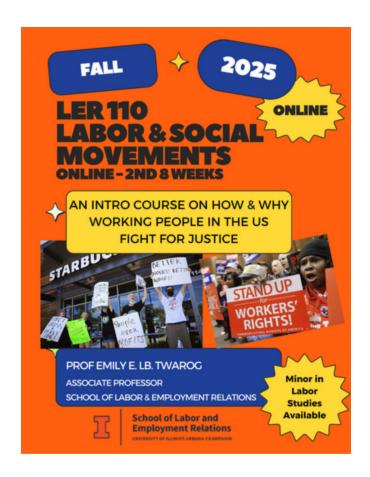
Location: 3057 Lincoln Hall, 702 S. Wright St, Urbana, IL

Announcements

Presenting Fall 2025 LER 110: Labor and Social Movements Online Course

The School of Labor and Employment Relations of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign announces LER 110, an intro course that will explore the labor unions in American society and how/why working people in the US fight for justice. This course will be held the second eight weeks of the Fall 2025 semester (10/20/25-12/10/25). Students will have the opportunity to analyze and discuss the labor movements with the civil rights, women's, student, global justice, and living wage movements. This course will be led by **Professor Emily E. LB. Twarog**, associate professor at School of Labor and Employment Relations. Lastly, there will be a minor in Labor studies available to students!

School of Labor and Employment Relations





Fall 2025 LAS Global Opportunities and Events

LAS International Programs is holding a Global Oppurtunites and Study Abroad Fair on October 9th, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Illinois Union. Students will be able to explore several short-term semester and year-long programs abroad, speak directly to students who have recently participated in the program,

and current exchange students. This fair will provide UIUC students the opportunity to begin thinking about their future study aboard plans and learn about research, internship, service-learning, and global learning opportunities! Please RSVP to confirm your participation.

LAS International Programs

Date: Thursday, October 9th Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Location: Lincoln Union 1401 W. Green St, Urbana, IL

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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

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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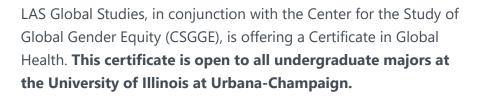


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