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CSGGE Events This Week

Series on "Gendered Displacement and Erasure"

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

Date: Wednesday, October 8th

Time: 12 pm

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

Virtual Option available



SERIES ON GENDERED DISPLACEMENT AND ERASURE

"The Second Battle for Africa: Writing New Histories of Global Africa"

October 8 | 12 pm | 306 Coble Hall and Virtual

Affiliate Speaker: Erik McDuffie

Lecture Description:

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 histo 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 Africandescended people globally







To attend via Zoom, please register at https://go.illinois.edu/McDuffieTalkOct8

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

Join CSGGE Faculty Affiliate, Dr. Erik McDuffie on October 8th 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 offers an online option, for Indvidual's who want to watch the talk virtually. **To** learn more and register for the webinar, click here.



Climate and the Urgency of Hope, Action, and Joy



In this talk, Dr. Reves Mason will highlight examples of climate injustice in the U.S. 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 foutrage

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

Lisa Reyes Mason Graduate School of Social Work

October 8, 2025

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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 here.

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.

CSGGE Events Coming Soon

AsiaLENS Series: Black Box Diaries Screening and Q&A with Shiori Itō

Date: Monday, October 20th

Time: 4 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

600 S. Gregory St, Urbana, IL



PRESENTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES
AND THE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES

AsiaLENS Series:

Black Box Diaries

Directed by Chinri NA. Broduced by Eri Noori, Manna Anvilla and Chinri NA.

MON. OCTOBER 20TH
4:00 PM
SPURLOCK MUSEUM,
KNIGHT AUDITORIUM
Free screening &
In-Person Q&A with Shiori Itô

Belinda Qian He (EALC/Cinema Studies faculty) & Yuhan Zhang (EALC PhD student)



Generously supported and co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Study, the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, and Spurlock Museum The Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies announce a free screening of the film "Black Box Diaries." The film screening will be followed by an in-person Q&A with the filmmaker Shiori Itō, an Oscar and BAFTA nominated documentary filmmaker, journalist, writer, and co-founder of Hanashi Films. Additionally, Itō has been named one of TIME magazines 100 most Influential People in 2020. The Q&A will be moderated by Belinda Qian He, EALC/Cinema Studies Faculty and Yuhan Zhang, EALC PhD student.

About the film: Black Box Diaries traces Itō's courageous investigation of her own sexual assault, an improbable attempt to prosecute a high-profile offender that became a landmark case in Japan. Structured with the urgency of a

thriller, the film weaves together audio recordings, vérité observation, first-person video clips, and an assembled case file—an "archive of her own"—to reveal the black boxes and blind spots in Japan's judicial and social systems. Her practice bridges investigative reporting with the craft of cinema—mobilizing archival research, counter-forensic methods, and sustained fieldwork to turn personal evidence-gathering into pressingly needed public testimony. Premiering at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival and now released worldwide, the film has been nominated for an Academy Award and a BAFTA, received a Peabody Award, and garnered more than twenty international prizes, with screenings in over fifty countries. Please, click here for more information.

The film run time is 102 minutes.

The Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

This event is hosted by East Asian Languages & Cultures and The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, and this event is co-sponsors by the Center for Advanced Study; the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; and Spurlock Museum at the University of Illinois Urbana—Champaign.



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

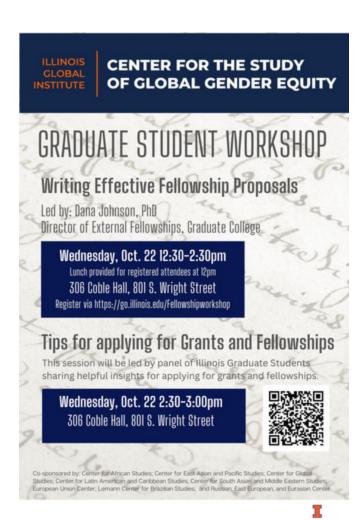
During this event, a panel of experts from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a local community organization will discuss their experience conducting community-engaged research projects. They will share insights, best practices, and answer questions you might have about delving into this 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

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.

Einhorn Lecture Series: An Evening with Ayelet Tsabari, Songs for the Brokenhearted

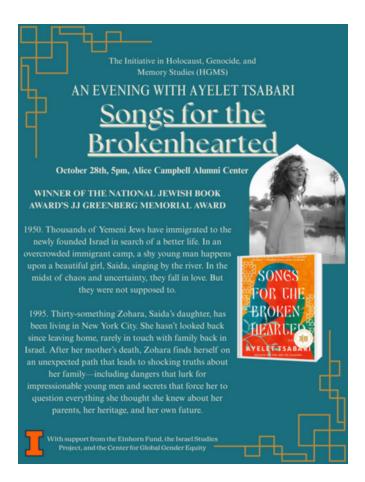
Speaker: Ayelet Tsabari, winner of the National Jewish Book Award's JJ Greenberg Memorial Award

Date: Tuesday, October 28th

Time: 5 pm

Location: Alice Campbell Alumni Center

601 S. Lincoln Ave, Urbana, IL

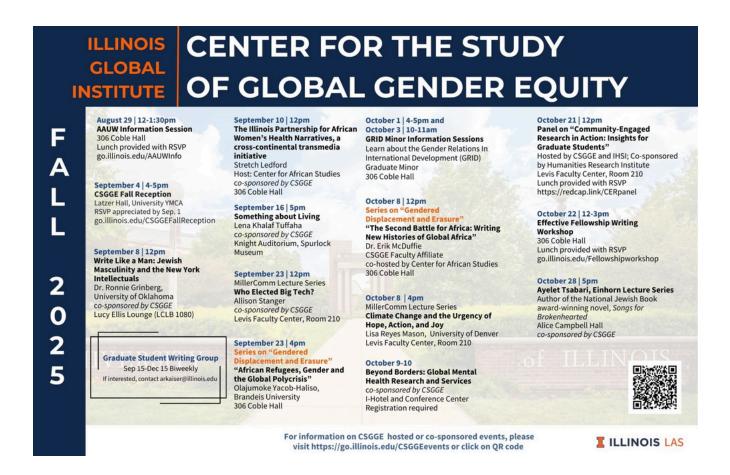


The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies (HGMS) announce a book talk with author Ayelet Tsabari discussing her novel titled "Songs for the Brokenhearted." The novel explores how "a young Yemeni Israeli woman learns of her mother's secret romance in a dramatic journey through lost family stories, revealing the unbreakable bond between a mother and a daughter in the debut novel of an award-winning literary voice" (Books in Print). Please share this event with students and faculty members! For more information, click here!

This event is Co-sponsored by: Einhhorn Fund, the Israel Studies Project, and the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

Please visit our website for a full list of hosted and cosponsored events

Click to view full calendar of events



University YMCA Friday Forum



YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Speakers: Panel of local media and scholars, moderated by Kimberlie Kranich

Date: Friday, October 10th

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 10th, the presentation will be on the topic of **The Urgency of Honest Media in an Age of Suppression.**

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!

Dr. Karen Terio will be the first speaker in the Fall 2025 lecture series, presenting on "Wildlife Pathology:

Dead Animals Tell Tales."

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

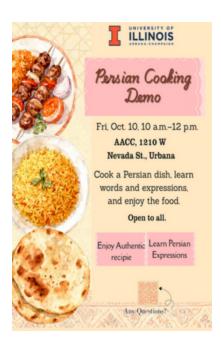
Please, click here to register for Women in Science October lecture: Karen Terio

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



Cook a Persian dish, learn words and expressions, and enjoy the food.

Persian Cooking Demo

- Friday, Oct. 10th
- **10am-12pm**
- AACC, 1210 W. Nevada St, Urbana

Open to all

Questions, please reach out to Dr. Azadeh Aghighi, Persian Language Director at aaghighi@illinois.edu



Story and Place: Nadine Naber Lecture

Speaker: Nadine Naber, Director and Professor (Gender and Women's Studies, Global Asian Studies, University of Illinois Chicago)

The Humanities Research Institute is pleased to announce that, on October 16, 2025, Nadine Naber will deliver a lecture titled *"Radical Mothering as Prison Abolition Pedagogy in Chicago"* as part of the Story & Place event series. With Brooke White (Art and Design) responding. To learn more, please click <a href="https://example.com/here-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-national-new-na

Date: Thursday, October 16th

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Levis Faculty Center 422

919 W Illinois St, Urbana, IL

Upcoming Persian Language Fall 2025 Events

Open to all

Questions, please reach out to Dr. Azadeh Aghighi, Persian Language Director at aaghighi@illinois.edu





HRI Graduate Fellowship Brownbag

Date: Wednesday, October 22nd

Time: 12 pm

Location: Levis Faculty Center 424

919 W. Illinois St, Urbana, IL

Ph.D Student Employment

PhD. Student Position: Graduate Research Assistantship in Rural Women Studies

Maria Alejandra Garcia Otero, Assistant Professor of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Faculty Affiliate of CSGGE, is seeking applications for one PhD student position, starting in August 2026, to serve as a Graduate Research Assistant on topics related to women and development in agriculture and/or environmental challenges.

Position description: The successful applicant will contribute to examining topics and research related to rural women's empowerment. Responsibilities may include data analysis (could be quantitative or qualitative methods), data collection, preparation of peer-reviewed publications and non-academic outputs, as well as other research activities in Dr. Garcia's Lab. The selected candidate will pursue the PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and may also serve as a teaching assistant, depending on funding availability.

Desired qualifications: Master's degree in social sciences (e.g., Sociology, Political Sciences, Anthropology, Economics) or related fields (e.g., Environmental Social Sciences, Human dimensions of the Environment, Sustainable Development). Qualitative data collection and analysis skills (e.g., semi-structured interviews) Excellent writing and communication skills. Ability to collaborate with an interdisciplinary and international group and work independently. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale for the last two years (60 hours) of coursework leading to bachelor's degree.

International applicants: Proof of English proficiency is not required at this application stage. However, if selected as a top candidate and recommended to apply to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, you will need to meet the Graduate College's English Proficiency Requirements for Graduate Admission (International Applicants | Graduate College) by December 15th, 2025.

Preferred qualifications: Experience with qualitative data analysis using NVivo. Experience or interest in learning quantitative methods in the social sciences (e.g., regression analysis) and related software (R and Stata) Familiarity with theories such as women's empowerment, feminist political ecology, and women in development. Proficiency in Spanish since potentially the candidate will engage with data in Spanish.

Support: The position includes full tuition, health insurance, and a nine-month stipend for two academic years. In addition, a two-month summer stipend will be provided for two academic years. The selected candidate may also be eligible for additional on-campus funding, including fellowships, research assistantships, and teaching assistantships, to support further years of study.

About the place: The successful applicant will join me in my new lab to advance research that supports more sustainable and just rural territories (Garcia Lab - A publish.illinois.edu site). The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (Home | Natural Resources & Environmental Resources & Environmental Sciences (Home | Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences (Home | Natural Resources & Environmental Resources & Environmental Sciences (Home | Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences (<a h

How to apply: Send the following items in one single PDF to Dr. Maria Alejandra Garcia at mariaag@illinois.edu before October 20th, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CT: 1) one-page cover letter; 2) CV (including GPA); 3) Name and contact information (email) of three references; 4) one writing example (link or PDF). Use the subject line: PhD Student Application. If selected as a top candidate, Dr. Maria Alejandra Garcia will recommend you apply to the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, and you will need to be ready to submit the required documentation by December 15, 2025.

Spring Courses of Interest

Announcing Spring 2026 Course Requirement for the GRID Interdisciplinary Minor: Core Seminar on Gender Relations in International Development CGGE 581

Course description: Students in this course acquire the theoretical and empirical skills required for understanding, evaluating, and critiquing development programs and policies. The core focus is on the gendered dimensions of such programs and policies. Theoretical skills are acquired through comparative analyses of competing models of development such as the capability approach, dependency theory, and neo-liberal theory. Empirical skills are built by critically evaluating national and international programs and policies related to education, health, nutrition, and agriculture as well as access to economic resources and the means of production.

This course satisfies the core requirement for the GRID graduate minor offered by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) in cooperation with departments and units across campus; for more information, check the CSGGE webpage. Related seminars and other programs are



offered by CSGGE and cosponsors; students are encouraged to attend these and other related events.

MODERN GREEK
AND GREEK
AMERICAN CULTURE
A POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVE

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY
3:00 - 4:20 PM
Prof. Hadjipolycarpou

Gen Ed Lit and Arts Announces Modern Greek and Greek American Culture: A Post Colonial Perspective CLVC 120

Course Description: This course examines the cultural, historical, and social production of modern Greek and Greek American identity through a postcolonial lens. Students will explore Greece's complex positioning as both a "cradle of Western civilization" and a semiperipheral nation shaped by empire, colonial legacies, and global power structures. The course traces the formation of Greek national identity, folklore, language, literature, music, and religious practices, as well as the experiences of Greek diasporic communities in the United States.

Through engagement with postcolonial theory (Said, Bhabha, Fanon, Spivak, Todorova) alongside Greek Studies scholarship (Hamilakis, Herzfeld, Leontis), students will

critically analyze cultural texts—including literature, film, music, and festivals—to understand how identity, memory, and heritage are constructed, contested, and commodified. The course emphasizes the interplay between local, national, and transnational contexts, encouraging students to consider how Greece and its diaspora negotiate race, gender, class, and global hierarchies. **This**

course will be led by Professor Hadjipolycarpou and will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:20 pm!

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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





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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

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