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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



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

AsiaLENS Series:

Black Box Diaries

Directed by Shlori Itô. Produced by Eri Nyari, Hanna Agyilin and Shlori Itô

MON. OCTOBER 20TH 4:00 PM SPURLOCK MUSEUM, KNIGHT AUDITORIUM Free screening &

In-Person Q&A with Shiori Itö moderated by

moderated by 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 inperson 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 O&A will be moderated by

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

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

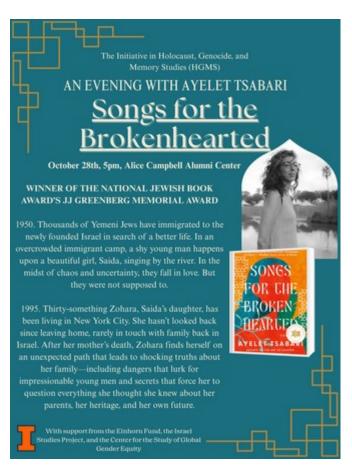
Time: 2:30-3:00 pm

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

Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals Registration

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: Dywaine Betts Jr., Manager of People & Culture, Brave Space Alliance

Date: Friday, October 17th

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 LGBTQ+ Stories of Change: A Journey Through
History

Please, click here to view upcoming events

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!

The November Lecture will be given by Vivian Cheng, who will present on her research using genetics, ancient DNA, and historical archives to understand the effects of climate change and colonialism on narwhals.



Speaker: Vivian Cheng, Graduate Student of the School of Integrative Biology and member of the Malhi Molecular Anthropology Laboratory

Date: Thursday, November 13th

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: Main Library, Room 146 1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL

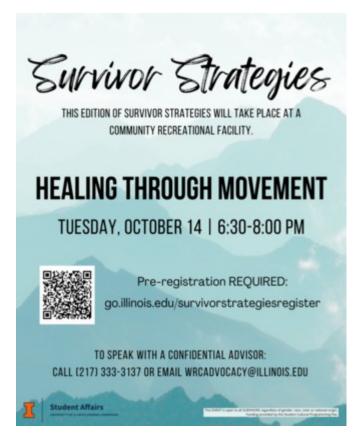
Virtual Option: Join Online via link provided

upon registration

Please, click here to register for Women in Science November Lecture: Vivian Cheng 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



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, October 14th will focus the conversation on **healing through movement**.

Date: Tuesday, October 14th

Time: 6:30- 8:00 pm Location: WRC

616 E. Green St, Suite 213, Champaign, IL

Upcoming Survivor Strategies
Sessions

Gender and Women's Studies Presents Feminist Fridays

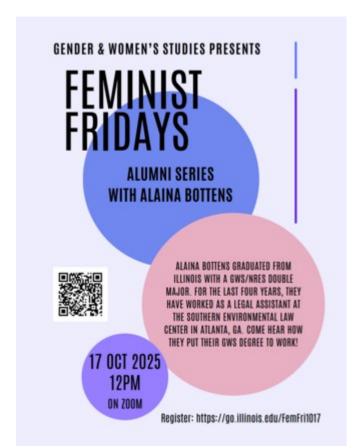
Virtual Guest Speaker: Alumna Alaina Bottens

Date: Friday, October 17th

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: Talk will be held on Zoom

The Department of Gender and Women Studies



announces a virtual talk for Feminist
Fridays! Alaina Bottens (they/them) graduated
from Illinois in 2020 with a dual degree in
Gender & Women's Studies and Natural
Resources & Environmental Sciences (NRES).
For the past four years, Alaina has worked as a
legal assistant at the Southern Environmental
Law Center in Atlanta, Georgia. In this talk, they
will share how they have put their GWS/NRES
dual degree into practice through their work with
the Southern Environmental Law Center.

GWS Feminist Fridays Registration

Department of Gender and Women's Studies (GWS)

Library Tour: Discover Persian Language & Culture

On Friday, October 17th, the Persian Language and Cultural Activities program has announced a Library Tour open to all Persian course students! The tour will give students the opportunity to explore Persian language and culture resources at UIUC's Main Library. To register, please use the QR code featured on the digital poster. Students not enrolled in Persian courses should join at the beginning of the tour and may leave at any time.

Date: Friday, October 17th

Time: 9-11 am

Location: Main Library, 2nd floor, near the

Circulation Desk

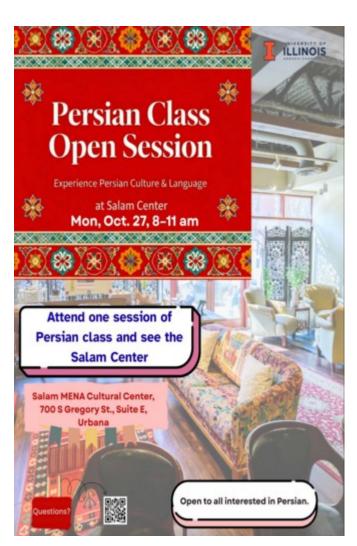
1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL



Persian Class Open Session

The Persian Language and Cultural
Activities Program is pleased to announce
an open session of the Persian class on
Monday, October 27th, from 8:00 to 11:00
a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for all
students interested in Persian language and
culture to experience a live class, engage
with the language, and learn more about
Persian traditions and customs.

We invite you to attend one of the class sessions and explore what the program has to offer. The session will be held at the **Salem Center.** Please attend to discover more about Persian culture!



Date: Monday, October 27th

Time: 8-11 am

Location: Salam MENA Cultural Center 700 S. Gregory St., Suite E, Urbana

Seminar Series: Masters in Global Studies Information Session

Speaker: Andy Guth, Academic

Coordinator, Master's in Global Studies

Date: Tuesday, October 28th

Time: 5 pm

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

Virtual Option: Join Online via link provided

upon registration

MSGS Academic Coordinator announces an informational session about the Masters in Global Studies Program (MSGSP). **Dr. Andy Guth will discuss important details about**



the new program, opportunities, and the different academic tracks for students. Please attend to see if this program is something for you! At the end of the session, a Q&A will be held to answer any questions or concerns! A virtual option is available through Zoom. To learn more, click here.

Degree description: This degree prepares students for leadership in international and domestic careers in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government, business, and transnational organizations. Combining interdisciplinary coursework with domestic and international practicum opportunities will prepare graduates to meet the intellectual and practical challenges facing global governance and civil society organizations.

Andy Guth is the Academic Program

Coordinator for the Center of Global Studies

(CGS), where he helped establish, lectures in, and is administrator of the MS in Global Studies Program (MSGSP). Previously, Dr. Guth worked in China for ten years, the Philippines for another three years, and worked and traveled throughout Southeast Asia for twenty years. He was a consultant for the United Nations, OECD, Transparency International, Fortune 500 companies, and others; worked at the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) in Arlington, VA; and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines.

The Center for Global Studies

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 Sciences (Home | Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences (Home | ACES | Illinois)) in the University of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (Home | ACES | Illinois) in the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign). U of I is a land-grand university that prioritizes applied and basic research and ranks #9 in Top Public Universities and #33 in National Universities in the United States according to the 2025 News & World Report of America's Best College rankings (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign-Profile, Rankings and Data | US News Best Colleges).

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 2026 GRID Elective Course



Gender Relations in International Development, WGGP 581

Meets 01/20/26 - 05/06/26 Thursday, 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm Location: 131 English Building 608 South Wright St, Urbana, IL

CRN: 64395

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 will be led by Professor Fogelman, C.**

Click here to view WGGP 581 in Course Explorer

Spring 2026 Courses of Interest

SP26 NEW COURSE Gen Ed Lit & Arts CLCV 120

MODERN GREEK AND GREEK AMERICAN CULTURE

A POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVE

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY



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 semi-peripheral 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

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.





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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