



Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

# Weekly E-news

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## LAS Day of Giving: October 22



# October 22 is the College of LAS third annual Day of Giving!

On that day, you will be able to donate to the *Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity* annual fund, which helps us continue to provide exceptional opportunities for our students and faculty, now and into the future.

Join us as we showcase how #LASgives back—every contribution makes a difference!

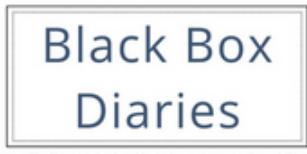
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## CSGGE Events This Week



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

### AsiaLENS Series:



Directed by Shiori Itō. Produced by Eri Nyari, Hanna Aquilin and Shiori Itō

MON. OCTOBER 20TH

4:00 PM

SPURLOCK MUSEUM,  
KNIGHT AUDITORIUM

Free screening &  
In-Person Q&A with Shiori Itō  
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

### 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 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 Ph.D. 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.*

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**

**Registration now closed**

**ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE**

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY**

**GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP**

**Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals**

Led by: Dana Johnson, PhD  
Director of External Fellowships, Graduate College

**Wednesday, Oct. 22 12:30-2:30pm**  
Lunch provided for registered attendees at 12pm  
Location Change: Women's Resources Center, 616 E. Green, Suite 213 (next door to McDonalds).  
Register via <https://go.illinois.edu/Fellowshipworkshop>

**Tips for applying for Grants and Fellowships**

This session will be led by panel of Illinois Graduate Students sharing helpful insights for applying for grants and fellowships.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22 2:30-3:00pm**  
Location Change: Women's Resources Center, 616 E. Green, Suite 213 (next door to McDonalds).

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

## Workshop on "Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals":

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.

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22nd**

**Time: 12:30-2:30 pm**

**Location Change: Women's Resources Center, 616 E. Green, Suite 213 (next door to McDonalds).**

## 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.

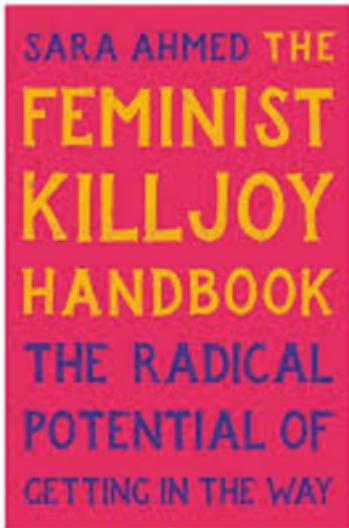
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# Book Discussion with limited copies available



Please join us for a book discussion on, "The Feminist Killjoy Handbook: The Radical Potential of Getting in the Way" by Sara Ahmed. The book discussion will be led by GRID Students Marina Moscoso-Arabi (Geography) and Marwah Maqbool Malik (Urban and Regional Planning).

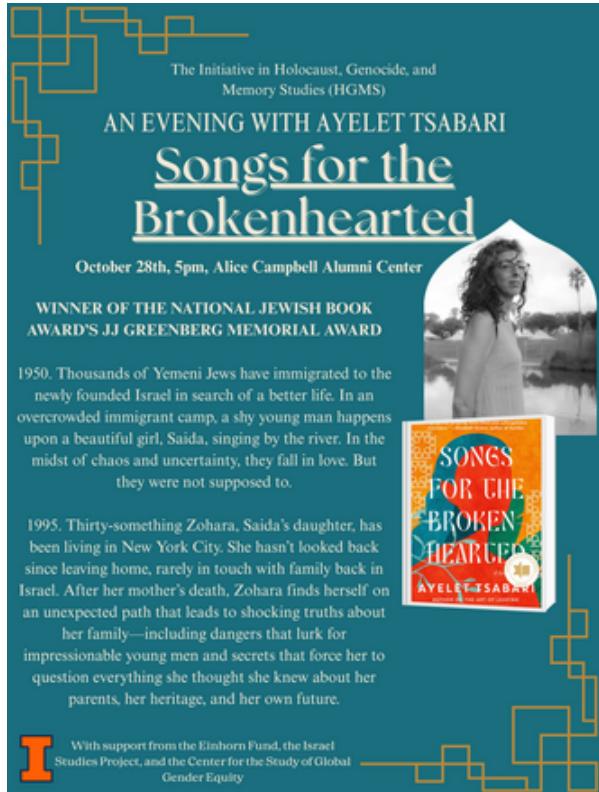
**February 20th (Friday) from 11am-12:30pm CST via Zoom**

**Need a copy of the book?** We have complimentary copies available so please request during registration so you can pick one up while supplies last.

**Know others that might be interested?** This is open to all campus students so please share information.

Click to register for book discussion and request book copy

## CSGGE Events Coming Soon



### 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) announces 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](#)!

# University YMCA Friday Forum



**FRIDAY FORUM  
+ CONVERSATION CAFÉ**

**October 24 | 12:00-1:00**

**HOST IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MACHINE:  
REFORM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND AN ABOLITIONIST FUTURE**

**Emile Suotonye DeWeaver**  
Formerly Incarcerated Activist, Journalist, and Author

**UNIVERSITY YMCA**  
1001 S. WRIGHT ST., CHAMPAIGN  
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

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  **Student Affairs**  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD

## YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

**Speakers:** Emile Suotonye DeWeaver, Formerly Incarcerated Activist, Journalist, and Author

**Date:** Friday, October 24th

**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 **Ghost in the Criminal Justice Machine: Reform, White Supremacy, + an Abolitionist Future**.

Please, click [here](#) to view upcoming events

This event is co-sponsored by: Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and others

## 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

**Advocacy and Resilience:  
Defending Science and Research  
in a Shifting Political Landscape**  
Sept. 26, 2025  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST  
314B Illini Union

**International Students Navigating the U.S.:  
Immigration, Rights, and Resources**  
Oct. 20, 2025  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST  
314B Illini Union

**Strategic Networking for Uncertain Times:  
Turning Conversations into Career  
Opportunities**  
Nov. 7, 2025  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST  
BNAACC Main Multipurpose Room

**ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE LUNCH**

In alignment with our mission to foster a supportive environment for all members of our university community, these sessions are open to all persons regardless of race, color or national origin.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

### Network & Learn Series

**International Students Navigating the U.S.: Immigration, Rights, and Recourses**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 20th**

**Time: 11:30 am - 1 pm**

**Location: 314B Illini Union**

**1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL**

The LAS Office of Inclusive Excellence is pleased to offer the **Graduate Student Seminar Network & Learn Series**, specifically designed for graduate students within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This series provides an opportunity for students to connect with peers and participate in panels and presentations that support their professional development.

The upcoming session will focus on **"International Students Navigating the U.S.: Immigration, Rights, and Resources."** Lunch will be provided. Please note that the

session will not be recorded. However, students who are unable to attend are encouraged to contact Aurora Cruz Torres directly to access the materials and resources shared during the event.

Network and Learn RSVP Form

# Supporting Survivors Through STRIVE

Together we can build a community that cares for, supports, and uplifts survivors.

**Monday, October 20**  
@WRC | 616 E Green St. Suite 213  
5:30 PM

*Dinner provided for the first 15 participants.*

**Date: Monday, Oct. 20th**  
**Time: 5:30 pm**  
**Location: WRC**  
**616 E. Green St. Suite 213, Champaign, IL**

The Women's Resources Center is pleased to announce that the WRC Advocacy Team will be hosting a workshop focused on supporting survivors of relationship violence. Research shows that individuals aged 18–24 experience the highest rates of relationship violence, meaning most people know someone who has been affected. While offering support can be challenging, this workshop will utilize the acronym STRIVE to provide effective strategies and tools to help you support survivors with care and confidence.

We encourage students to attend and take advantage of this valuable opportunity to learn more about the importance of being able to provide active support and awareness to survivors in our community. **Dinner will be provided for the first 15 participants!**

Gender & Women's Studies Presents  
Brown Bag Lecture Series

## PUENTES MONSTRUOSOS: Transhemispheric Coalitions and the Aesthetics of Survival

with Dr. Emi Frerichs

Building on the hemispheric feminist legacies of *This Bridge Called My Back*, this talk traces the dispersed genealogies of trans, travesti, and trans of color writers across the Americas—including Camila Sosa Villada, Lino Arruda, Roque Raquel Salas Rivera, Torrey Peters, and Nathaniel Alexander Moore—who reimagine monstrosity as a poetic and political strategy of survival. Reading across languages, genres, and regimes, the project explores how their works collectively forge a transhemispheric aesthetic of relation that unsettles authoritarian and colonial orders.

**all are welcome!**

TUES OCT 21 @12PM  
1205 W NEVADA



## Gender and Women's Studies Presents Brown Bag Lecture Series

**Puentes Monstruosos: Transhemispheric Coalitions and the Aesthetics of Survival**

**Speaker: Dr. Emi Frerichs, Ph.D. (they/them) is the 2023-2025 Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Associate in Transgender Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**Date: Tuesday, Oct. 21st**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: Department of Gender and Women's Studies 1205 W. Nevada, Urbana, IL**

On Tuesday, October 21, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the **GWS Conference Room**, the next event in the revitalized Gender & Women's Studies Brown Bag Series will feature **Dr. Emi Frerichs**, who will present new work titled "*Puentes Monstruosos: Transhemispheric Coalitions and the Aesthetics of Survival*."

We encourage all to participate in what promises to be an engaging presentation and discussion. Please circulate the attached flyer to students and faculty.

## Meet YOUR Imposter Monster

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22nd**

**Time: 5 pm - 6pm**

# Meet YOUR Imposter Monster

with AJ Laurer, leadership coach and author, *Imposter Monster*



of *Imposter Monster*. We encourage students to attend and take advantage of this valuable opportunity for personal and professional growth.

**Location: SDRP Building, MPR 2025 AB**  
**301 E. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL**

Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Career Center, University Housing, Counseling Center, and the Women's Resources Center, is pleased to offer a workshop focused on understanding and managing impostor syndrome.

Impostor syndrome affects many undergraduate and graduate students, often leading to self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy despite evident accomplishments. This workshop aims to help students recognize the signs of impostor syndrome, explore the reasons it is so prevalent in academic environments, and learn effective strategies to navigate and overcome these challenges. The session will be facilitated by **AJ Laurer**, leadership coach and author



## 2025 BERD Conference: Turning Data into Discovery, Advancing Health Through Biostatistics

**Date: Wednesday, Oct 29th**

**Time: 9 am - 4 pm**

**Location: Beckman Institute, Tower Room 2269  
405 N. Mathews Ave, Urbana, IL**

The IHSI Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research (BERD) team invites faculty and students in health sciences to the "Turning Data into Discovery: Advancing Health Through Biostatistics" conference. The 2025 BERD conference will highlight how biostatistics drives impactful health research and fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration. The conference will be followed by a focused session on quantitative research design, giving attendees an opportunity to explore methodological strategies and enhance their approach to statistical analysis in health research.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. with a keynote by [Professor Douglas Simpson](#), followed by panels discussing research methodology and challenges. At 1 p.m., Dr. Jesus Sarol, Jr. will conduct a workshop on quantitative research design, aimed at early career researchers and those looking to improve their research skills. This workshop will be particularly insightful and beneficial to any early career researchers looking to strengthen their research design. **Please register by October 22nd for the morning conference, the afternoon workshop, or both.**

[Click to learn more about conference schedule and registration](#)

## Hungerstone Book Club

**Date: Friday, Oct. 31st**

**Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

# BOOK CLUB

Limited free copies available.  
Register to reserve your copy.



October 31, 2025  
4:00-5:00pm

As part of LGBTQ+  
History Month

Register here:

[go.illinois.edu/Hungerstone](http://go.illinois.edu/Hungerstone)



This program is open to all eligible persons regardless of gender, race, color, or national origin.  
Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

**Location: WRC**  
616 E. Green St. Suite 213, Champaign, IL

The Women's Resource Center will be hosting a discussion on *Hungerstone*, a novel by Kat Dunn. The conversation will focus on selected chapters, exploring themes such as relationships, the legacy of the romantic horror genre, and homoeroticism. This event is part of the center's programming for LGBTQ+ History Month. A limited number of copies are available upon request, distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Hungerstone" by Kat Dunn Book Club  
Registration

## Spring 2026 GRID Core Course



**CSGGE**

Center for the Study of  
Global Gender Equity

**Gender Relations in International Development,  
WGPP 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 WGPP 581 in Course Explorer

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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

### Master of Science in Global Studies



Call for Applications  
Apply Now

The MS in Global Studies (MSGGS) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA at BS and MSGGS degree option. The program prepares students for careers that require knowledge of and an ability to work within the fields of Global Studies (GS) and (1) Gender & Public Policy, by preparing them with the analytical and professional skills necessary to work in the increasingly interconnected world. It emphasizes real-world, professional training and experience by enabling students to study, research, and work globally and with international universities and industry partners. The MSGGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global mindset.



#### Admission requirements

- Graduate or pursuing a bachelors degree from an accredited institution of higher learning for four (4) or more years of relevant work experience
- Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission: <https://grad.illinois.edu/graduate/choose-global-studies/global-studies-application>

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 (MSGGS) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGGS degree option.

Click to learn more information on MSGGS

## 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**

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