



Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

# Weekly E-news

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## CSGGE Events This Week

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

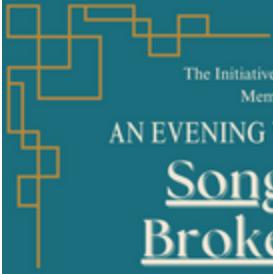
**Speaker: Ayelet Tsabari, winner of the National Jewish Book Award's JJ Greenberg Memorial Award**

**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](#)!



The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and  
Memory Studies (HGMS)

AN EVENING WITH AYELET TSABARI

## Songs for the Brokenhearted

October 28th, 5pm, Alice Campbell Alumni Center

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK  
AWARD'S JJ GREENBERG MEMORIAL AWARD

1950. Thousands of Yemeni Jews have immigrated to the newly founded Israel in search of a better life. In an overcrowded immigrant camp, a shy young man happens upon a beautiful girl, Saida, singing by the river. In the midst of chaos and uncertainty, they fall in love. But they were not supposed to.

1995. Thirty-something Zohara, Saida's daughter, has been living in New York City. She hasn't looked back since leaving home, rarely in touch with family back in Israel. After her mother's death, Zohara finds herself on an unexpected path that leads to shocking truths about her family—including dangers that lurk for impressionable young men and secrets that force her to question everything she thought she knew about her parents, her heritage, and her own future.



**I** With support from the Einhorn Fund, the Israel Studies Project, and the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

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

## University YMCA Friday Forum

### **FRIDAY FORUM + CONVERSATION CAFÉ**

October 31 | 12:00-1:00

**BLACK UNCANNY:  
TALES OF THE BLACK +  
THE WEIRD**

**Stacey Robinson**  
University of Illinois Art & Design



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

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### **YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café**

**Speakers:** Stacey Robinson, University of Illinois Art + Design

**Date:** Friday, October 31st

**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 **Black Uncanny: Tales of the Black + The Weird**.

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!

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

# 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

**Strategic Networking for Uncertain Times: Turning Conversations into Career Opportunities**

**Date: Friday, November 7th**

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

**Location: BNAACC Main Multipurpose Room  
1212 W. Nevada 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 "**Strategic Networking for Uncertain Times: Turning Conversations into Career Opportunities**"

**Opportunities.** 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.

## GWS Grad Minors Research Roundtable

**Date: Friday, November 7th**

**Time: 12-1:00 pm CST**

**The conference/workshop will be held on Zoom, link will be provided upon registration**

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies invites faculty and students to a lightning-round presentation featuring four GWS Graduate Minors: **Urooba Fatima (CSGGE GRID student)**, **Asena Karipek**, **Lucie Cyliax**, and **Soraya Cipolla**. Join us as they share their dissertation research and workshop their ideas in a friendly, conversational atmosphere. Please, click [here](#) to learn more about the upcoming event.

Flyer and a Zoom registration link will be shared soon!

## Spring 2026 GRID Elective Course



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

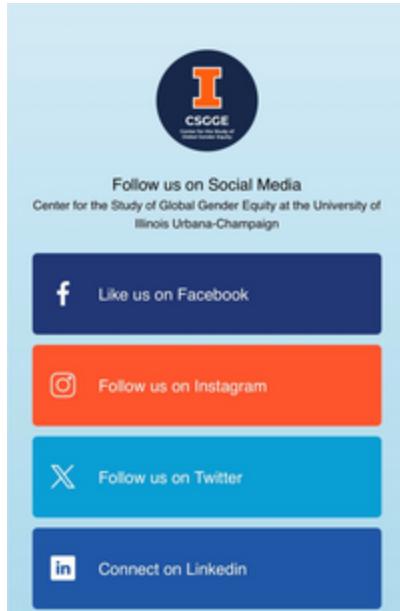
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**Course description:** Students in this course acquire the theoretical and empirical skills required for understanding, evaluating, and critiquing development programs and policies. The core focus is on the gendered dimensions of such programs and 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](#)

## CSGGE Social Media



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## CSGGE Programs



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## 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 (MSG) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option. The program prepares students for careers that require knowledge of and an ability to work within areas related to (1) Global Governance, (2) Global Security, and (3) Gender & Public Policy by equipping them with analytical and professional skills necessary to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. It emphasizes research, professional training and practice by enabling students to study, research, and work globally and with international nonprofits, government agencies, and industry partners. The MSGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global impact.



Admission requirements

- Completion in the pursuing a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning (or have 10 or more years of relevant professional work experience)
- Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission: <https://go.illinois.edu/gradschool/choose-global-studies/program-overview/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 (MSG) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option.

[Click to learn more information on MSGS](#)



## Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

[Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate](#)



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