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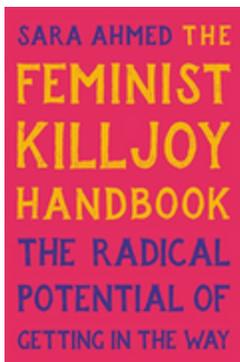
# Biweekly E-news

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## CSGGE Events This Week



### Virtual Graduate Student Book Discussion on "The Feminist Killjoy Handbook"

**Date:** Friday, February 20th

**Time:** 11am-12:30 pm CST via Zoom

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-Arabia (Geography) and Marwah Maqbool Malik (Urban and Regional Planning). The book discussion will take place via Zoom, and login information will be sent by email in the next 3–4 days.

This event is hosted by the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity.

# CSGGE Co-Sponsored Events This Week



## YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Date: Friday, February 20th

Time: 12:00-1:00 pm

Location: University YMCA

1001 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL

The University YMCA's Friday Forum + Conversation Café will host a presentation titled *"Advancing Community and Legacy with the Divine 9."*

The conversation will be moderated by **Kellie Blanden**, Director of Diversity and Social Justice Education. All events are free and open to the public; lunch will be provided!

This event series is hosted by the University YMCA and the Diversity & Social Justice Education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity is happy to be a co-sponsor of the semester series.

## CSGGE Upcoming Hosted and Co-Sponsored Events



### "Transcending the In-Between: Provocation, Humor, and Joy in Performance"

Date: Thursday, February 26th

Lecture from 3:30-4:30 p.m. & Post-Lecture

Discussion from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Location: Women's Resources Center

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

Speaker: Anida Yoeu Ali, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign alum and interdisciplinary artist



### University Friday Forum and Conversation Café

Date: Friday, February 27th

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: University YMCA

1001 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL

The University YMCA's Friday Forum + Conversation Café will host a presentation titled *"Faith Over Fear: Interfaith Organizing for Democracy in Chicago."*

Anida Yoeu Ali will present a hybrid performance/talk and visual experience on themes of transnationalism, otherness, and belonging. Please also consider joining the post-lecture discussion.

Event details and co-sponsors

The conversation will be led by **Rev. Ciera Bates-Chamberlain**, *Live Free Illinois*. All events are free and open to the public; lunch will be provided!

Event details and co-sponsors

**I** UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ARCHIVES IS PROUD TO HOST

**WOMEN IN SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES**

**BETHANY ANDERSON, DR. MARY TON, AND KRISTEN WILSON**

Join us on Zoom or at the University Archives as Bethany Anderson, Mary Ton, and Kristen Wilson will discuss their work in making domestic science archival materials accessible and using AI to help with OCR and Named Entity Recognition. Hear how this data will then be used to create dynamic web stories on the Science Stories platform to highlight women scientists.

12-1 PM **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20**

REGISTER AT: <https://go.library.illinois.edu/Feb2026WISLecture>

Please contact Bethany Anderson (lgandrsn@illinois.edu) or Kristen Wilson (kallen3@illinois.edu) with any questions!

## Women in Science Series: Unlocking Domestic Science Archives with AI

**Date:** Friday, February 20

**Time:** 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual

Speakers: Bethany Anderson, Assistant Professor & Natural and Applied Sciences Archivist; Dr. Mary Ton, Assistant Professor & Digital Humanities Librarian; Kristen Wilson, Distributed Museum Coordinator

Join us for a discussion on using AI and digital humanities to make domestic science archives more accessible. Learn how OCR and Named Entity Recognition (NER) help process historical documents, identify key figures, and power dynamic web stories on the Science Stories platform highlighting women scientists.

Event details and co-sponsors



## **Europe and the World Today: The EU, the US, and the Rule of Law**

**Date:** Thursday, March 5, 2026

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

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

Please join the European Union Center for the next installment in its *Europe and the World Today* series. Colleen Murphy will deliver a brownbag lecture examining the EU, the US, and the rule of law in today's global landscape. Speaker: Colleen Murphy, Interim Associate Chancellor; Vice Provost for Global Affairs & Strategies Designate; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; and Roger and Stephany Joslin Professor of Law, College of Law, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Free and open to the public.



### International Women's Day: 12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories

**Date:** Wednesday, March 4th

**Time:** 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor  
919 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL

This annual International Women's Day event brings together faculty, staff, students, and community members to highlight the often-overlooked contributions of women who have shaped intellectual, cultural, and public life across disciplines and regions.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)



### University Friday Forum and Conversation Café

**Date:** Friday, March 6th

**Time:** 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**Location:** University YMCA 1001 S. Wright St.,  
Champaign, IL

The University YMCA's Friday Forum will host a presentation titled "Collective Flourishing: Women, Community, & Shared Success", moderated by Rebecca Hodson, Associate Director of International Education. All events are free and open to the public; lunch will be provided!

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)



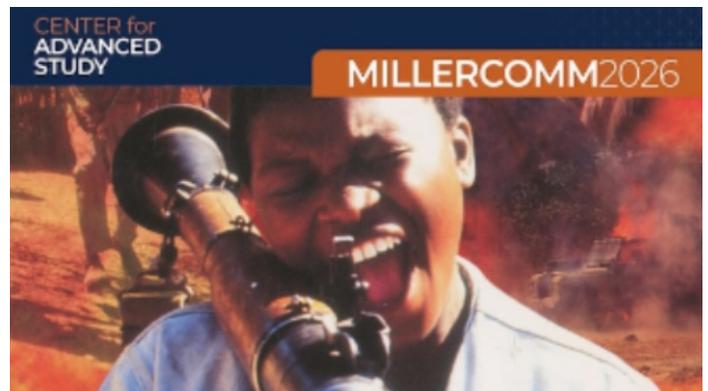
**Arunima Datta**  
History  
University of North Texas

**Erik McDuffie**  
History  
University of Illinois

### 24th Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium: Gender and labor

**Date:** Thursday, March 5th & Saturday, March 7th

**Location:** Levis Faculty Center Rm 210  
919 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL



### MillerComm Lecture Series: "Flame: Screening and discussion"

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10th

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Knight Auditorium, Spurlock  
Museum  
600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL

**Keynote Speakers:** Arunima Datta, Associate Professor of History at the University of North Texas and Eric McDuffie, Associate Professor of History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

This year's theme is Gender and Labor. Across time and space, the meaning of labor has been shaped by social factors like gender, sexuality, race, class, and (dis)ability. Additionally, labor has always impacted the way that people perform and embody gender throughout the world.

Department of History

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)

The Center for African Studies is hosting a film screening of **Ingrid Sinclair's feature-length film *Flame* (1986)**, which tells the story of two young African women who join the liberation struggle for Zimbabwe in the 1970s. The film follows Flame and Liberty as they are faced with sexual harassment by male freedom fighters and later, by the patriarchy of the newly liberated Zimbabwe.

**Professor Terri Barnes (History)** and **Producer Simon Bright** will join the filmmaker **Ingrid Sinclair** in a discussion following the screening.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)

## Campus Events of Interest



### The Group Chat (IRL)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 17th

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Women's Resources Center (WRC)  
616 E. Green St., 2nd Floor (above McDonald's)

Join us for The Group Chat (IRL), a bi-weekly, in-person discussion space to slow down and make sense of the fast-moving world around us. This face-to-face gathering offers a grounded space for thoughtful conversation beyond constant news updates and online discourse.

Each session focuses on current events and timely topics across politics, pop culture, social issues, global affairs, technology, and more. Bring your perspectives and questions—no expertise required.

[Event Details](#)

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### Trans @ Illinois (Gender and Sexuality Resource Center)

**Date:** Wednesday, February 19th

**Time:** 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Location: GSRC**

**616 E. Green St., Suite 202 (Entrance between McDonalds & Subway, 2nd floor)**



Trans @ Illinois is an informational gathering hosted by the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC). Participants are invited to connect with GSRC staff, learn about transgender resources and community support, and engage in dialogue about trans inclusion and advocacy on campus.

[Event Details](#)



**"Liberation on 16 Bars: How Women in Hip Hop Are Shaping the Conversation on Contemporary Women's Issues"**

**Date: Monday, February 23rd**

**Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Women Resources Center**

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

Join the Women's Resources Center for a presentation on how women in hip hop are shaping conversations on contemporary women's issues. Lunch will be

provided and all are welcome.

[Event Details](#)

## **Arthur G. Nikelly Public Lecture**

**Situating Globality, Imagining Diasporic Futures: A Greek American Example**

**Date: Friday, February 27th**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: LCL Lucy Ellis 707 Mathew Ave., Urbana, IL**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Modern Greek Studies Program announces a talk that frames Greek globality as the circulation of diverse forms of Greek media across time and their engagement with multiethnic audiences. We encourage all students and faculty to join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion!



Speaker: Georgios Anagnostou, Miltiadis Marinakis Professor of Modern Greek Language and Culture at The Ohio State University.

[Event Details](#)

# Virtual Events of Interest



## Webinar: Voices of Resilience: Women Advocating for Women

**Date:** Wednesday, February 25th

**Time:** 1:30–3:00 p.m. ET

**Location:** Virtual

### The New University in Exile Consortium announces Voices of Resilience:

Women Advocating for Women is a webinar bringing together global leaders in human rights, gender justice, and international governance. Participants will

engage with distinguished experts whose work spans advocacy, law, policy, science, and equity across borders, and explore current challenges and emerging strategies for advancing human rights and gender equality in a time of profound global change.

#### Featuring:

Nadia Al-Sakkaf – Business for Peace Laureate, Yemen

Nashwa Eassa – Al-Neelain University, Sudan

Shirin Ebadi – Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Iran

Sima Simar – Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Afghanistan

Moderated by:

Yasmine Ergas – Columbia University, United States

[Event details and registration](#)



## “Beyond the Bullet Points: Crafting a Resume That Tells Your Story”

**Date:** Wednesday, February 25th

**Time:** 11:00am–1:00pm CST (12:00–2:00pm EST)

**Location:** Zoom

Join us for the BTAA Women+ in Technology Mini-Conference, a collaborative space dedicated to professional growth, community, and empowerment. This virtual event welcomes staff and faculty from BTAA universities who are looking to advance their careers or strengthen their professional toolkit.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Ginger Hundgen from the University of Illinois, presenting “Beyond the Bullet Points: Crafting a Resume That Tells Your Story.” In this engaging session, Ginger will share actionable insights on building a résumé that authentically reflects your value and helps you navigate your unique professional path with confidence. This event is free and open to all BTAA staff and faculty.

[Event details and registration](#)

# Announcements

## Call for Presentations

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) invites undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines to submit proposals for the Global Policy Forum, April 14–15, 2026. **Applications are due February 25.**

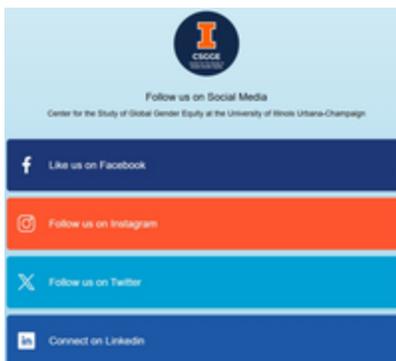
**How to Submit:** Submit a proposal (max. 300 words) by February 25 via <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1557417119>. Individual or co-authored submissions will be accepted.

**Submission Criteria:** Relevance to global issues; a clear title; a defined problem and scope; policy relevance; clear writing. Presentation Formats: Posters; Flash Talks/Roundtables (5-minute presentations); Panels (12-minute presentations with discussion).

**Publication Opportunity:** Selected participants may publish in a CGS-hosted student journal or policy brief series. Questions: Contact Adrian Wong at [adrianw3@illinois.edu](mailto:adrianw3@illinois.edu) (subject: Global Policy Forum Inquiry).



## CSGGE Social Media



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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 here for more information on GRID minor](#)



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## Master of Science in Global Studies



Call for Applications  
Apply Now

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. 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 the analytical and professional skills necessary to navigate an 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 MSGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global impact.



### Admission requirements

- Completed or be pending a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning for two (2) or more years of relevant professional work experience.
- Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission.

View application requirements for the global studies program on our website.

## Master of Science in Global Studies

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.

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

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## 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 here for more information on the Undergraduate Certificate](#)



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