



Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

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Women's History Month

Dear CSGGE Community,

As we celebrate Women's History Month 2026, we honor the extraordinary achievements of women past and present, leaders, scholars, creators, advocates, and community builders, whose vision and perseverance continue to transform our communities, nations, and the world. Their contributions are a powerful reminder that progress on gender equity is driven by courage, collaboration, and unwavering commitment.

Women's History Month calls us not only to commemorate, but to educate ourselves about overlooked histories, amplify diverse voices, and engage in collective action. As highlighted in this newsletter, we invite you to join us for a series of events throughout the month and semester, celebrating the voices, stories, and invaluable contributions of women from diverse backgrounds and experiences who have paved the way for progress and continue to inspire our work in advancing gender equity.

Thank you for your dedicated partnership in our shared work and for being part of this important celebration!

International Women's Day Celebration, March 4th 3:30-5:00pm



The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign host the campus celebration of International Women's Day with "12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories". International Women's Day takes place annually on March 8th.

The format of this event is that 12 featured speakers from across campus and community come together to tell the story of a woman who made an important contribution to the scholarship, discipline and/or broader community life in 5 minutes.

Please, [click to visit links to past celebrations](#) and watch recordings of the event, learn about the featured person, or view photos from the event. **Mark your calendars to join us on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, for the International Women's Day 2026 Celebration, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor.**

Save The Date Spring Reception, Apr. 23rd 4:30-5:30pm



CSGGE Spring Reception

Please join us as we honor our GRID Graduates and CSGGE Award Recipients

Thursday, April 23 | 4:30-5:30 pm | YMCA Latzer Hall

1001 S. Wright Street, Champaign

Remarks at 4:45pm

Registration Appreciated

[Click to view event details and registration](#)

CSGGE Barbara A. Yates Blog Series



CSGGE Barbara A. Yates Blog Series

The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity is excited to announce a special six-part blog series celebrating the life and career of our founding director, Barbara A. Yates.

The third blog will focus on her experience in foreign services. Information for write ups were gathered from materials in the University of Illinois Archives. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Adam LoBue for crafting these wonderful

blogs and to Dr. Antoinette Burton, Professor of History for her generous support in making this heartfelt tribute possible.

Visit Barbara A. Yates six-part blog series

February Event Recap



Muslim Women and Architectural Patronage

On February 6, 2026, CSGGE hosted a hybrid Affiliates Lunch Talk featuring Dr. D. Fairchild Ruggles. A total of 56 guests joined us, both in-person and via zoom, for an engaging and thought-provoking lecture. The lecture evoked a lively discussion, with attendees posing insightful questions and reflecting on the broader implications of recognizing women's agency in archeological history.

On behalf of CSGGE, we extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Ruggles for sharing her expertise, and to all attendees who contributed to such a meaningful conversation. To learn more about her research and publications, we encourage you to visit [Dr. Ruggles faculty page](#) for additional information about her work and ongoing projects!



Upcoming Events



CSGGE is a proud sponsor of the University YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Please join the University YMCA and Diversity & Social Justice Education for our Spring 2026 Friday Forum + Conversation Café series.

Students, faculty, and community members are invited to hear from local and national speakers



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

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, UIUC.

as they engage pressing public issues. March will feature two key events on the 6th and 27th!

All events are free and open to the public and take place on Fridays from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at the University YMCA. Free lunch will be provided.

March YMCA Friday Forum Events

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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

Join the European Union Center for the next installment in its Europe and the World Today series. Colleen Murphy will present a brownbag lecture on the EU, the US, and the rule of law in today's global landscape. This event is free and open to the public!

Event details and co-sponsors



24th Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium: Gender and Labor

Date: March 5th-7th

Time: All day

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

The 24th Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium, *Gender and Labor*, explores global intersections of gender, labor, and history through panels, talks, and scholarly exchange.

This annual symposium provides a space for critical dialogue, interdisciplinary learning, and engagement with current scholarship in women's and gender history.

All events are free and open to the public!

Event details and co-sponsors



Women's History Month Dish It Up

Date: Monday, March 9th

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

**Location: Women Resources Center
616 E. Green St., Suite 213, Champaign, IL**

As part of the Dish It Up series, this Women's History Month event centers gender equity, identity, and lived experience through guided discussion.

Dish It Up events are designed to foster inclusive conversation in a welcoming environment. All are encouraged to attend and participate.

All events are free and open to the public!

Event details and co-sponsors



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

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.

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](#)



Women in Science Lecture Series: March Lecture

Thursday, March 12th, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Sutton

Director of the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures, Dr. Sutton will discuss her background in anthropology and her work in museum leadership and public scholarship.

Monday, March 23rd, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm

Speaker: Archana Verma

Ph.D. Candidate in Chemical Engineering, Verma will present her research on molecular modeling of doped organic semiconductors and share her leadership work with wesSTEM and GradSWE.

All events are free and open to the public and will take place from 12:00-1:00 pm CT.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)

Please view our full schedule of hosted and co-sponsored events on our website.

[Please, click here for CSGGE Master Calendar](#)

CSGGE Faculty Affiliate and Staff News

This is a selection of highlighted publications and presentations for CSGGE faculty affiliates. To learn more, please visit the CSGGE faculty affiliates webpage and click on each scholar's profile to explore their recent scholarly publications, engagements, and academic service.



We are delighted to congratulate [Anita Kaiser](#), CSGGE Associate Director, on being named a recipient of the College of [LAS Staff Award](#)! This honor recognizes staff and academic professional whose dedication, leadership, and service make a lasting impact on the university community. We are proud to recognize her excellence and grateful for the positive difference she brings to CSGGE!



[Emily E. LB. Twarog](#) is an associate professor of history and labor studies at the University of Illinois' School of Labor and Employment Relations Labor Education Program, co-director of the Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference, and a faculty affiliate of CSGGE. Professor Twarog was recently featured in *Forbes India* in an article entitled "[Rethinking Organisational Well-Being.](#)" In it, she contends that workplace harassment should be treated as a core occupational health and safety issue.



[Elizabeth T. Powers](#) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics. She is also a Partnering Scholar at the Institute of Government & Public Affairs and a Faculty Affiliate of the Family Resiliency Center, both at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Additionally, she is a Faculty Affiliate of CSGGE. Professor Powers was recently featured on WILL-AM, part of Illinois Public Media, in a show entitled "[How will the elimination of Illinois' grocery tax impact communities and shoppers?](#)" In it, she discusses the expiration of the state's grocery tax at the start of the year.

If you would like a Faculty Affiliate CSGGE publication and/or news to be featured in an upcoming issue of the CSGGE Monthly Perspective Newsletter, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu.

[Click here to learn more about CSGGE Faculty Affiliates](#)

CSGGE Alumni Spotlight



The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) March 2026 *Monthly Perspective* newsletter features Atyeh Ashtari.

Atyeh Ashtari will share insight into her current work, offer an in-depth reflection on her experience with the GRID Minor, and provide valuable advice for current GRID Minors.

[Click here to read the entire interview with Atyeh Ashtari](#)

Announcements



Call for Applications

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) and the Slavic Reference Service (SRS) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign invite advanced graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, independent scholars, and academic professionals to apply for the [2026 Summer Research Laboratory \(SRL\)](#), held June 8–July 31, 2026. Applications are due March 16, 2026.

Program Overview: The SRL is an in-person research program supporting projects in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

Special Awards: Early career scholars may also apply for the Fisher Fellow

Award and the Maggs Fellow Award.

For questions, please contact reeec-srl@illinois.edu



Werner Baer Post-Doctoral Position (2026–27)

The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies invites applications for the [Werner Baer Post-Doctoral Fellowship for the 2026–27 academic year](#). This position supports early-career scholars from Brazil to conduct research at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Selected fellows will engage with faculty and students across campus and contribute to the intellectual community through research presentations and programming.

Award: \$50,000 stipend for one academic year

Start Date: August 15, 2026

Deadline: March 6, 2026

Eligibility: Early-career scholars affiliated with Brazilian institutions whose research aligns with the Lemann Center's mission.



The New University in Exile Consortium announces Spring 2026 Co-led Online Seminars!

All co-led seminars are free and open to the public! Each seminar is taught by two endangered scholars, including one individual who is hosted by a Consortium member institution and one fellow associate of their choosing. The purpose of each seminar is to give endangered scholars the space to reunite and pursue

their profession in an academic setting.

CSGGE would like to highlight [Gender and Digital Resistance: Palestinian Women and Narrative Production in Cyberspace](#), a free 10-week course. This seminar will be led by [Hanan Alawna](#) PhD, independent scholar at Columbia Global Center and [Ramzi Abdullah Mansour Naji](#), Assistant Professor of Linguistics.

Additionally, The New University in Exile Consortium is offering a [Certificate in Gender Studies](#). This certificate is open to anyone who has successfully completed five qualifying seminars.



UCL Institute of the Americas announces Sex, Reproduction, and the Politics of Knowledge 26 May 2026

This workshop will explore cross-disciplinary and cross-regional perspectives on the history of politics of knowledge production as it relates to sexual and reproductive health and gender identity across Americas and Europe, as well as other geographies. A keynote address will be given by [Professor Lina-Maria Murillo](#), University of Texas Austin.

UCL institute of the Americas welcomes participants to submit short academic papers that discuss a variety of disciplines, including history, anthropology, sociology, geography, philosophy, legal studies, science and technology studies, primary care, and the arts.

[Click here to learn more about UCL workshop](#)

Submission must include a 200-word abstract outlining the paper's title and focus and a 100-word speaker biography. All paper must be submitted by midnight, UK time on Friday, March 6th to emma-day@ucl.ac.uk or sandra.rodriquez.24@ucl.ac.uk

CSGGE Programs



CSGGE 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 here for more information](#)



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 and 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 for more information](#)



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](#)

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