



Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

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CSGGE Hosted Events



CSGGE Alumni Lecture: "Planning with a Purpose: Reflection from a Journey in Urban Sustainability and Gender Equity"

Speaker: Dr. Mansi Sachdev, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and GRID alumna.



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Weaving Resilience: "Communities, Ecosystems, and Knowledge from the Colombian Caribbean in Times of Socio-environmental Crisis"

Date: Monday, April 13th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Date: Thursday, April 9nd

Time: 7:00 p.m. CST **NEW TIME**

Please join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity for a virtual alumni lecture featuring Dr. Mansi Sachdev, where she will reflect on her work integrating climate resilience into urban spatial planning and gender equity initiatives.

This is an online event, and registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)

Location: 210 Levis Faculty Center

919 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity for a panel exploring ecological and community-based approaches to resilience in the Colombian Caribbean.

Panelists will discuss topics including marine science, environmental risks, biodiversity conservation, and collaborative knowledge systems.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)



Student Dialogue: "Bridging Ancestral Knowledge and Scientific Research: Community Perspectives from the Caribbean"

Date: Tuesday, April 14th

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Join CSGGE for a student-centered dialogue examining the intersection of ancestral knowledge and scientific research in shaping sustainable and inclusive environmental practices.

This session highlights student perspectives on community engagement, resilience, and knowledge production.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)



Comparative Research Roundtable: "Bridging Science and Governance"

Date: Wednesday, April 15th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

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

As part of the Global Policy Forum, this panel brings together scholars and practitioners to explore how gender, sustainability, and resilience are understood across global contexts.

The discussion will highlight interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives on knowledge production and policy.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)



“Aimé Césaire in the Era of Black Lives Matter” by Freida Ekotto

Date: Thursday, April 16th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center

1212 W. Nevada St., Urbana, IL

Join the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity for a lecture by Dr. Freida Ekotto, who will discuss the historical significance of Aimé Césaire’s work in relation to contemporary movements such as Black Lives Matter.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)



Spring Reception

Honoring GRID Graduates & CSGGE Award Recipients

CSGGE Spring Reception

Date: Thursday, April 23rd

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Please join us as we honor our GRID Graduates and CSGGE Award Recipients. Remarks will begin at 4:45pm.

This event is free and open to the public and registration is appreciated by April 21st!

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)

CSGGE Co-Sponsored Events



Women in Science Lecture Series: Dr. Gisela Sin

Date: Thursday, April 9th

Time: 12:00 p.m.



YMCA’s Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Date: Friday, April 3rd & 10th

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

**Location: University Archives, Main Library,
Room 146
1408 W. Gregory St., Urbana, IL**

Please join us for a lecture with Dr. Gisela Sin, Professor of Political Science and co-founder of Women in Legislative Studies, as she discusses her research on political institutions and their interactions.

Please note that a Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)

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

On April 3rd, **Nick Sansone** (Attorney at Public Citizen) will present "People v. Power: Litigation as a Strategy for Social and Economic Justice."

On April 10th, **Dr. Debra E. Williams** (The Nature Conservancy) will present "Connecting People to People and People to Nature."

Free lunch will be provided, and all are welcome.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)



7th Annual Sociolinguistics Symposium (SOSY)

Date: Saturday, April 11th

Time: 8:00 a.m.

This year's theme, ***Between Languages, Between Worlds: Language, Culture, and Global Communication***, foregrounds the role of language in shaping cultural connection, social positioning, and senses of belonging in an increasingly interconnected world.

The symposium invites work that examines how individuals and communities navigate linguistic boundaries across social, cultural, and geopolitical contexts.

[Registration and co-sponsors](#)

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Women in Local Government Leadership during COVID-19 Pandemic in Brazil

Speaker: Dr. Ivan Filipe Fernandes, Federal University of ABC and CEAPS/IGI Visiting Scholar

Date: Tuesday, April 14th

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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

This presentation examines the impact of women in leadership roles within local governments in Brazil amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Using novel municipal-level data, we investigate how female leaders in executive positions responded to the crisis.

[Event details and co-sponsors](#)

Campus Events of Interest



Quench: LGBTQ+ Body Positivity

Date: Monday, March 30th

Time: 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Location: Women's Resources Center, 616 E. Green St., Suite 213

Join the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center for the Quench series as part of the Cultural & Resource Center Lunch on Us program. This event highlights conversations around LGBTQ+ identity, culture, and community while exploring intersections of diverse social experiences. Free and open to the campus community.

This event is hosted by the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center.



Talking Across Borders: Women Labor Activist from Chile and Illinois in Conversation

Date: Tuesday, March 31st

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

Location: Krannert Art Museum, Main Level Contemporary Gallery, 500 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign, IL

As Coal communities in Chile and the United States navigate economic transition, women play a central role in shaping just and inclusive futures.

Join women labor leaders from Illinois and Chile for an evening of cross-border dialogue, solidarity, and storytelling.

This event is hosted by the East Central Illinois Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) in partnership with the Labor Education Program, the Climate Jobs Institute, the Department of Urban & Regional Planning, Krannert Art Museum, and the School of Art & Design.

Wrapping Up Women's Month: A Campus Conversation on Reproductive Justice

Date: Thursday, April 2nd

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Digital Computer Lab, 1304 W. Springfield Ave, Urbana, IL

Join this campus conversation on reproductive justice, a framework that emphasizes the social, economic, and cultural conditions necessary for individuals to make empowered decisions about their bodies and families. The

discussion will explore how reproductive justice intersects with race, class, and structural inequality while encouraging open dialogue and community engagement.

This event is hosted by the Women's Resources Center.



Artist Talk and Tour: "Memorias de la Mujer Lotina: Arpilleras, Women, and Coal in Chile"

Date: Friday, April 3rd

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Krannert Art Museum, Main Level Contemporary Gallery, 500 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign, IL



Join us for a special bilingual (Spanish and English) tour with the Women's Collective for Lota, Chile. Explore Memorias de la Mujer Lotina and hear the powerful stories behind their narrative textiles.

This event is hosted by Krannert Art Museum in collaboration with the Women's Collective from Lota, Chile, and University of Illinois scholars.



CEAPS Speaker: "Finding an Audience: Japan's First Women Architects and the NHK Ladies' Classroom"

Date: Friday, April 3rd

Time: 1:30–3:00 p.m.

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

Join the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies for a lecture by Dr. Michelle L. Hauk (Washington University in St. Louis). The talk explores how Japan's first women architects used the NHK Ladies' Classroom series to connect architectural knowledge with everyday domestic audiences in mid-20th-century Japan.

This event is hosted by the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies.

Crafternoons @ the WRC

Date: Friday, April 3rd

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Join the Women's Resources Center for Crafternoons, a monthly event held on the first Friday of each month. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of crafting and connection. Materials are provided, and the event is free

and open to everyone.

This event is hosted by the Women's Resources Center.



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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 here for more information on GRID minor

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.

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Health and Global Studies (HGS) is a new interdisciplinary master's degree program that combines the expertise of LAS and CSGGE. The program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of global health issues and the social, economic, and political factors that influence them. The program is open to students from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines, and it offers a flexible curriculum that allows students to tailor their studies to their interests and career goals. For more information, visit <https://www.las.uiowa.edu/hgs>.



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



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