



Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

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## CSGGE Hosted Events



### Public Speaking Workshop for Graduate Students

**Speaker:** Laura Stengrim, Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Communication and Founding Director of the



### Series on Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era: "Sexual Harassment and the Geography of Service Work in the U.S."

**Speaker:** Emily E. LB. Twarog (she/they), Associate Professor of history and labor

Speakers Workshop at the University of Illinois.

**Date: Thursday, September 24th**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: 306 Coble Hall**

**801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL**

Join us for a lively presentation, discussion, and practice session focusing on public speaking skills! We will provide tips about how to practice for common situations like conferences, poster sessions, interviews, and elevator pitches. Lunch will be provided.

[Registration and event details](#)

studies at the University of Illinois' School of Labor and Employment Relations - Labor Education Program and Co-Director of the Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference.

**Date: Thursday, October 1st**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: 306 Coble Hall and via Zoom**

**801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL**

***Lunch included with RSVP***

This presentation, which is pulled from the opening chapter of, "Hands Off: A History of Fighting Back against Sexual Harassment in the American Workplace," explores the geography of the service sector.

[Registration and event details](#)



**Series on Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era:  
"Audiences interpretations of gender  
problems based on the Netflix show,  
Adolescence"**

**Speaker:** Shaimaa Khanam, Communication.

**Date: Thursday, October 8th**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: 306 Coble Hall and via Zoom**

**801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL**

***Lunch provided with RSVP***

On Thursday, October 8th we will hear from Shaimaa Khanam from the Department of Communication.

## *Fostering Student Agency for Community Engagement*

**Panel on "Fostering Student Agency for  
Community Engagement"**

**Date: Tuesday, October 13th**

**Time: 12 pm**

**Location: Heritage Room, ACES Library**

**1001 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL**

***Lunch Provided with RSVP***

Hear from Kelsi Walters (Social Work), Nikita Chigullapally (Carle Illinois College of Medicine), and Melany Romero (Community Health) as they reflect on their journeys, the opportunities and challenges, and how community engagement has shaped their personal and professional growth.

This talk will be in-person and also offered virtually through Zoom. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.

[Registration and event details](#)

They will be joined by their faculty members Dr. Kevin Tan, Dr. Margarita Teran-Garcia, and Dr. Sandraluz Lara-Cinisomo. Lunch will be provided with registration.

[Registration and event details](#)

### Series on Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era: "Pushed Out and Boxed In: Gendered Silence and Exit Orientations in China's Tech Industry"

**Speaker:** Dr. Tingting Zhang, School of Labor and Employment Relations.

**Date:** Thursday, October 15th

**Time:** 12 pm

**Location:** 306 Coble Hall and via Zoom

**801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL**

***Lunch provided with RSVP***



In this Lecture, Dr. Tingting argues that silence in such environment is not a uniform response to constrained institutional conditions but is shaped by the gendered social positions workers occupy. Lunch will be provided with registration.

[Registration and event details](#)

## CSGGE Co-Sponsored Events



**YMCA's Friday Forum + Conversation Café**



**Women in Science Lecture Series Fall 2026**

**Date: September 25th, October 2nd & 9th**

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

**Location: University YMCA**

**1001 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL**

On September 25th, **Jose Vazquez**, (Muralist) will present *The Power of Public Art? More Than a Mural: Jose Vazquez on Art, Community, and Belonging*.

On October 2nd, **Olmecca** (Artist Activist) will present *Acts of Radical Love: A Conversation with an Artist in Rebellion*.

On October 9th, **Stanley Andrisse** (Endocrinologist Scientist) will present *Breaking Chains, Building Futures: Pathways to Redemption, Education, and Excellence*.

Free lunch will be provided, and all are welcome!

Event details

**Speaker:** Professor Kelli Trei (B.S. Microbiology, 1999, and MLIS, 2012), Associate Professor and Biosciences Librarian, University of Illinois Library.

**Date: Tuesday, October 13th**

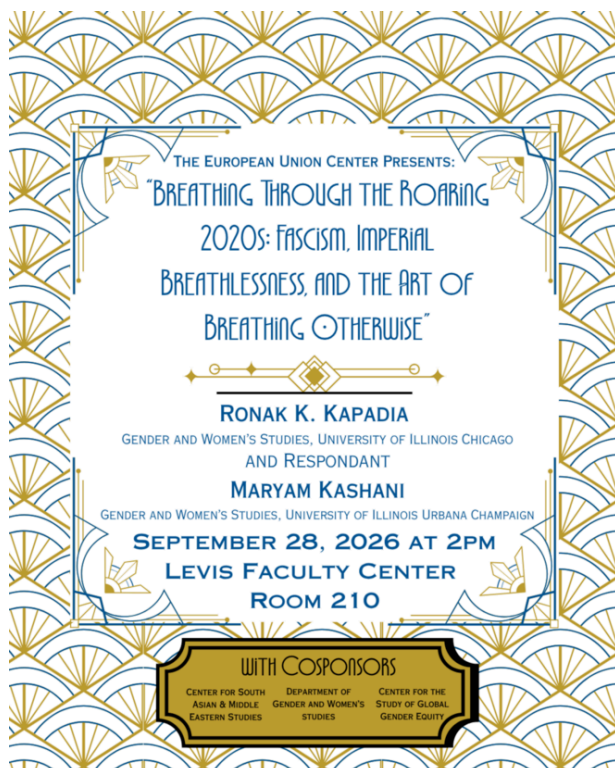
**Time: 12-1:00 pm**

**Location: Main Library, Room 146  
1408 W. Gregory Dr., Champaign, IL**

**Virtual: Join Online via link provided upon registration**

Professor Kelli Trei will discuss her background in microbiology and work as liaison to the Schools of Life Sciences: Molecular & Cellular Biology (MCB) and Integrative Biology, (IB) as well as to the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology.

Registration and event details



**"Breathing Through the Roaring 2020s: Fascism, Imperial Breathlessness and the Art of Breathing Otherwise" with Ronak Kapadia**

**Speaker:** Ronak Kapadia, Associate Professor and Director of the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago, with affiliations in Art History, Museum and Exhibition Studies, and Global Asian Studies.

**Date: Monday, September 28th**

**Time: 2 pm**

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

Moving between the first Roaring Twenties and our own moment, Ronak K. Kapadia listens beneath the spectacle of crisis to the injuries and forms of support that public life increasingly trains us not to notice. Drawing from his book

in progress, *Breathing in Common*, he traces the afterlives of US war-making into atmosphere, bodily capacity, and the infrastructures that sustain breath. Close readings of queer Pakistani artist Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Nigerian American photographer Mikael Owunna show how contemporary art can reorganize exposure itself: sheltering bodies from compulsory visibility, rebuilding the conditions under which Black queer life appears, and making breathable life available as a problem of form.

Event hosted by European Union Center and cosponsored by CSGGE and others.

Event details

## Campus Events of Interest



### Ethnography Workshop: The Cost of Borders

**Speaker:** Dr. Heba Gowayed, Associate Professor of Sociology (CUNY Hunter College & Graduate Center).

**Date:** Wednesday, September 23rd

**Time:** 12 pm

**Location:** 3111 Lincoln Hall  
702 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL

In this presentation, Gowayed argues that borders are not legal markers of sovereign territory but comprised of a series of transactions that are always costly and often deadly.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Event details

**Sawyer Seminar  
Series 2026-27  
Illinois Scholars at Risk**



## ACADEMIC FREEDOM PANEL

Sawyer Seminar Series and the Illinois Scholars at Risk Announce, "How do we know when we are no longer free?" Academic Freedom Panel



**GGIS Colloquium | Gabriela Valdivia, UNC  
Latina/o Studies Program**

**Featured Speakers:** Dr. Nasim (Department of Pathobiology), Dr. Moe Moe Aung (Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior), Dr. Anastasiya Vasetksa (Department of Comparative Biosciences), and Dr. David Toh Kusi (School of Information Sciences & Departments of English and Comparative Literature).

**Date:** Friday, September 25th

**Time:** 9am-1:00 pm

**Location:** Illini Room A, Illini Union First Floor  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

This half-day seminar will focus on the loss of academic freedom, with speakers sharing their personal experiences from their home countries.

Registration and event details

**Speaker:** Gabriela Valdivia, professor in the Department of Geography at UNC-Chapel Hill and Assistant Dean at Honors Carolina.

**Date:** Friday, September 25th

**Time:** 3 pm

**Location:** 2049 Natural History Building and via Zoom

1301 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

Gabriela is a feminist political ecologist examining the relationship between resources and socio-environmental inequities. Her research and teaching focus on how environmental injustices shape everyday life experiences and decisions in the Americas. She is an author of the digital project *Crude Entanglements*, which explores the affective dimensions of oil production; a co-author of *Oil, Revolution, and Indigenous Citizenship in Ecuadorian Amazonia*; and a co-editor of the *Routledge Handbook of Critical Resource Geography*.

Event details

## ILLINOIS WATCHES WOMEN'S SPORTS

Girl KRUSH  
@wrcillinois

**Girl Krush: Illinois Soccer vs. Oregon**

**Date:** Sunday, September 27th

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Demirjian Park  
606 St. Marys Rd., Champaign, IL

Join us for our fall Girl Krush season. Before the Illini Women's Soccer team takes on Oregon, the Women's Resources Center will



**Reproductive Justice Symposium**

**Speakers:** Professors Lina-Maria Murillo (UT Austin) and Jallicia Jolly (Amherst).

**Date:** Wednesday, October 7th

**Time:** 5-6:30 pm

**Location:** Campus Instructional Facility, Room 4025

1405 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana, IL

be outside the stadium "tailgating." Join us for snacks and drinks and soccer balls and other fun games to enjoy. At 12:45 pm we will go into the stadium and cheer on the team!

There is no cost to attend the tailgate or game, and all are welcome. Paid for by the Student Cultural Programming Fee.

[Registration and event details](#)

Join the Departments of Latina/Latino Studies and Gender and Women's Studies for the Reproductive Justice Symposium.

**Professors Lina-Maria Murillo (UT Austin) and Jallicia Jolly (Amherst)** will discuss their new books followed by a panel discussion.

[Event details](#)

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### Mentoring Matters @ Illinois Distinguished Lecture and Workshop

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Annmarie Caño, executive and leadership coach, consultant, psychologist, and writer.

**Lecture:**

**Date:** Thursday, October 8th

**Time:** 7:30 am (Registration and Breakfast) & 8-9:15 am (Distinguished Lecture)

**Location:** 2nd Floor Ballroom, Illini Union  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL



Drawing on the liberatory leadership framework from her book *Leading Toward Liberation*, Dr. Caño invites us to rethink mentorship as more than an individual relationship, as a practice that promotes justice, shared power, and authentic care. The Distinguished Lecture is open to all faculty, staff, post docs, and students.

Event hosted by the Office of the Provost

[Registration](#)

**Workshop:**

**Date:** Thursday, October 8th

**Time:** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Location:** Illini Rooms, Illini Union  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

The workshop will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Annmarie Caño, followed by interactive breakout sessions, lunch, and moderated discussions. The Workshop is open to all faculty, post docs, and graduate students.

Event hosted by the Office of the Provost

Registration

## Announcements

**The Illinois Global Institute invites proposals for international research projects and collaborations**



Funded by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences INSURE program, the Illinois Global Institute welcomes proposals that support both new and ongoing international research, with the aim of sustaining and strengthening the international agenda of research by LAS faculty.

Each grant will offer up to \$5,000 in research support.

**Application deadline is October 18, 2026**

Application requirements, eligibility, and application form

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### **Mental Health First Aid Training**

**Date: September 23rd and 24th**

**Time: 1-4:30 pm**

**Location: Illini Union**

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

The Mental Health First Aid Training provides all attendees with the necessary tools to identify, address, and help those who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse challenges.

The course is eight hours total and includes a short online pre-course component, a live training session held across two half-days, and a brief online post-course component. Both sessions must be attended and all components completed to earn certification. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for all attendees.

**Please register for the first session. Upon registration, you will receive further details regarding the event!**

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Registration

# Graduate Student Professional Development Opportunities Around Campus

## Strategic Storytelling: Interviewing

**Date:** Tuesday, September 22nd

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

**Location:** Via Zoom

An effective interview should demonstrate why you're a good fit for a role and leave the interviewers excited about the prospect of working with you. But actually, achieving this goal can be a challenge. In this workshop, we'll discuss strategies for preparing yourself for job interviews, and techniques for answering different types of questions by telling your professional story in compelling ways.

Event details

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## Faculty Job Search: Negotiation

**Date:** Wednesday, September 23rd

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

**Location:** Via Zoom

What can you ask for and how do you ask for it? After you receive a faculty job offer, you have a short period to evaluate it, negotiate and make your decision. In this workshop, you will learn how to develop a strategy to help you know when and how to negotiate effectively.

No registration required. This session will take place on Zoom.

Event details

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## Faculty Job Search: Understanding Non-Tenure Track Faculty Careers

**Date:** Wednesday, September 30th

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

**Location:** Via Broadcast

This session will introduce you to the range of non-tenure track faculty roles in academia (e.g., Lecturer, Teaching Assistant Professor, Adjunct Instructor, etc.). We will discuss issues like employment stability, common work responsibilities, and more. This session will better equip you to understand the landscape of higher education in the U.S., whether you are actively seeking employment in roles like these or just curious about them.

No registration required. This session will be broadcast online.

## 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



### 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



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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