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CSGGE Hosted Events



The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and College of ACES Office of International Programs announces "Research Frontiers on Empowerment of Women Farmers"

Speaker: Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Research Fellow Emeritus at the International Food Policy Research Institute

Date: Thursday, September 10th

Time: 4-5:30 pm

Location: 210 Illini Union

1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

The International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026 aims to raise awareness of the role of women in agrifood systems and the challenges they face. This presentation will discuss advances in understanding the empowerment of women farmers and addressing their needs. This event is free and open to the public.

Event details and co-sponsors



CSGGE Virtual Lightning Talk on Gender Research "Talk on Fire: Big Ideas, Elevator Pitches"

Date: Friday, September 11th

Time: 1-3:00 pm

Via Zoom

In this event, we will have 8 students, from the three minors, present a 5-minute lightning talk or elevator pitch about their research.

Following that, they will receive feedback from faculty and other graduate students regarding their presentations.

The aim for this event is to showcase the brilliant work our students are conducting and the various ways that they employ gender in their research.

Registration and co-sponsors



Public Speaking Workshop for Graduate Students

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

CSGGE Co-Sponsored Events



Women in Science Lecture Series: Dr. Krista Habing

Speaker: Dr. Krista Habing

Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Time: 12-1:00 pm

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

Dr. Krista Habing will be the first speaker in the Fall 2026 lecture series, presenting on her doctoral work on aging, skeletal muscle regeneration, and tissue engineering.

The lecture series will concentrate on highlighting a vast range of innovations and contributions of women in sciences at the University of Illinois.

Registration and co-sponsors



Welcoming Week: Conversation Café

Date: Saturday, September 12th

Time: 11:00 am



Welcoming Week: Welcoming Voices: Rights, Resources & Resilience

Speaker: Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, September 9th

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Cityview Events and Meeting Center,
Illinois Terminal, 4th Floor
45 East University Ave., Champaign, IL

Rights, Resources & Resilience is a panel discussion presented during Welcoming Week that explores topics related to immigrant safety, community resources, and resilience. Attendees will hear from local panelists who will share information, perspectives, and resources designed to support and empower immigrant community members.

Event details and co-sponsors



Welcoming Week: International Family Game Night

Date: Tuesday, September 15th

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: The Urbana Free Library
210 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

Conversation Café is a twice monthly program where language learners of all levels can practice their conversational skills. English, Spanish, and French are the target languages spoken by most attendees. Light snacks, drinks, conversation topics, games, and activities for children will all be provided.

This is a free program with no registration required. All are welcome!

Event details and co-sponsors



Welcoming Week -- The Mosaic: A Welcoming Week Concert

Date: Friday, September 18th

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Neil Street Plaza (Downtown Champaign Plaza)

Neil St & Washington St., Champaign, IL

Join us for a free outdoor concert celebrating Welcoming Week! Enjoy an evening of live music, community, and connection as we celebrate the many cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that make our community stronger.

This family-friendly event is free and open to everyone. Bring your friends, family, or neighbors, meet someone new, and celebrate all the people who call our community home.

Location: First Presbyterian Church
302 W. Church St., Champaign, IL

Games will be provided outdoor and in with food and treats! This event is family friendly and is always a full house!

Event details and co-sponsors



Friday Forum & Conversation Café: BENIVENIDOS: The Works and Murals of Jose Vazquez

Speaker: Jose Vazquez, Muralist

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: 12-1:00 pm

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

Students, faculty, and community members are invited to hear from local advocates as they discuss crucial public issues. All events are free and open to the public; free lunch will be provided.

On Friday, September 25th, the presentation will be on the topic *BENIVENIDOS: The Works and Murals of Jose Vazquez*.

Event details and co-sponsors

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Announcements



GRID Minor Information Sessions

The Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor Information Sessions will take place **Wednesday, September 30th, 4-5 pm**, and **Friday, October 9th, 10:30-11:30 am**. Both sessions will be held in **room 108, Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright St.** Light food will be provided with pre-registration, and hybrid option is available upon request.

Please attend to hear more about Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor, hear about fellowships and research award opportunities, and talk with faculty and GRID students.

[Registration](#)

Graduate Student Professional Development Opportunities Around Campus

Faculty Job Search: Teaching, Diversity, & Service Statements

Date: Wednesday, September 9th

Time: 4-5:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Going on the academic job market? You'll likely need a teaching statement, and you may also need a diversity statement and/or service statement. In this informative workshop, you will learn what goes in each of these documents, how they should be formatted, and how to use them effectively in your job search.

We will discuss the new and evolving requirements for the "service statement" (which can also be known by other names), as well as how best to approach more traditional statements on teaching and diversity.

[Event details](#)

Faculty Job Search: Interviews

Date: Wednesday, September 16th

Time: 4-5:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom

What is a faculty interview actually like? What sorts of questions will I be asked? How should I talk about my research and teaching? What do I do if there are technical problems? Get answers to these questions and more as you learn the basics of the first-round faculty interviews.

[Event details](#)

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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CSGGE Programs

Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor

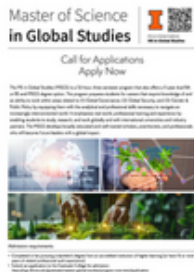
CSGGE offers a graduate minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID). The GRID interdisciplinary minor is designed to give students the analytical and empirical skills needed to address and



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.

[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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