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Director Welcome

Dear CSGGE Community:

On behalf of everyone at the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year. This year marks the 46th anniversary of our Center, a milestone that reflects both our history and our continued commitment to advancing scholarship, education, and service in women, gender, and international development.

We have an exciting lineup of events this year. We will kick off the semester with our Fall Reception on [September 3rd](#) and hope to see you there! Alongside our annual Alumni Lecture, Faculty Affiliate Lecture, and International Women's Day celebration, we are thrilled to announce the 2026-2027 Lecture Series on *Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era*, as well as the series that celebrate the *International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026*. We also offer a series of professional development opportunities for our graduate minor students on Gender Relations in International Development ([GRID](#)), students in our new [Master of Science in Global Studies](#) program (*Gender and Public Policy* track), and graduate students across campus. We always welcome opportunities to co-sponsor events with units across campus, and please check our website at csgge.illinois.edu for the full list of upcoming programs.

We are proud of the education and support that CSGGE provides to students as they develop innovative ideas, build interdisciplinary connections, and pursue impactful careers. Each year, we offer a competition for [graduate student awards](#) that includes two full year fellowships and a research award. Please join us in congratulating the 2026-2027 CSGGE Fellowship and Award Recipients: Jianing (Ginny) Lu (Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship), Azifah (Ina) Astrina (Barbara A. Yates Fellowship), and Seung Deok Seo (Accad and Vieille Award). Asmaa Elsayed and Soodeh Mansouri received the 2026-2027 IGI Language Fellowship through CSGGE to study Arabic.

The dedication and support of you, our faculty affiliates, students, campus and community partners, are at the heart of our work. We look forward to working with all of you in another year filled with meaningful dialogue, impactful research, and a continued commitment to equity and justice. Our biweekly newsletters will continue to share upcoming events, and our Monthly Perspectives will highlight updates from our faculty affiliates, students, and alums. If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you. We are always happy to meet to discuss any questions about our programs or ways to get involved with CSGGE. Please feel free to contact me or our Associate Director, Anita Kaiser, at arkaiser@illinois.edu or (217) 333-6221.

Warm regards,
Min Zhan
Director, Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity
Professor, School of Social Work

2026-2027 CSGGE Fellowship and Awardee Recipients

Congratulations to the CSGGE 2026-2027 Fellowship and Award Recipients

We would like to thank our donors who have generously set up our fellowships and grants to support the research of University of Illinois graduate students on gender issues in developing

countries.



Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship

Jianing (Ginny) Lu is a PhD Student in the School of Information Science. Ginny's research examines how three major data-privacy regimes, regulate women's biometric and health data, asking why gender-neutral laws continue to produce gendered privacy harms.



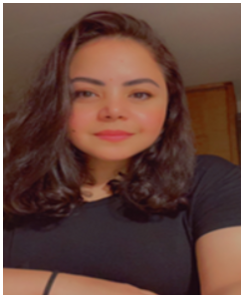
Barbara A. Yates Fellowship

Azifah (Ina) Astrina is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Political Science. Ina's research examines women's live experiences on the island of Belakang Padang, Indonesia, within the securitized maritime border, using participatory mapping and interviews to analyze how gender norms and security governance shape women's livelihoods, mobility, and space.



Accad and Vieille Award

Seung Deok Seo is a Ph.D. Student in the Department of Political Science. Seung Deok Seo's research examines how shared organizational identity among women's rights NGOs in Jordan fosters cooperation despite donor-driven competition. Using interviews, it investigates mechanisms linking identity formation to inter-NGO cooperation.



2026-2027 IGI Language Fellowship through CSGGE

Asmaa Elsayed is a PhD Student in Global Studies in Education. She will study Arabic during her IGI Language Fellowship.



2026-2027 IGI Language Fellowship through CSGGE

Soodeh Mansouri is a PhD Student in the Department of Sociology. She will study Arabic during her IGI Language Fellowship.

Reflection on the 2026 International Women's Day Celebration

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY
AND THE HUMANITIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE**
present

"12 Women Who Changed the World: Untold Stories"



DeShawn Williams
Urbana Mayor

International Women's Day

March 4, 2026
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor



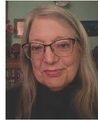
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School of Social Work



Angela S. Williams
Associate Director, Center
for South Asian and Middle
Eastern Studies



Co-sponsored by Women's Resources Center, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

The 2026 International Women's Day Celebration took place on March 4, 2026 at Levis Faculty Center.

Featured speakers included Dr. Rummana Alam, Dr. Luveell Anderson, Tammie Bouseman, Dr. Danita M. Brown Young, Gabi DalSanto, Victoria T. Fields, Dr. Luanne Mayorga, Dr. Susan Ogwal-Elisu, Dr. Eva Pomerantz, Dr. Kevin Tan, Dr. Angela S. Williams, and Urbana Mayor DeShawn Williams.

Click to learn more about the 2026 IWD event and watch the event recording

CSGGE Fall Reception

Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE) Fall Reception

Thursday, September 3rd

4:00-5:30 pm

**YMCA Latzer Hall,
1001 S. Wright St.**

Remarks at 4:30 pm

RSVP appreciated by Aug. 28th (click for more information and to RSVP)



International Year of the Women Farmer



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.

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.

[Click to view event details](#)

Co-Sponsored Events

Women in Science Lecture Series Fall 2026

The University of Illinois Archive has announced that they will be hosting a monthly Women in Science lecture series, featuring speakers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign scientific enterprise. The lecture series will concentrate on highlighting a vast range of innovations and contributions of women in sciences at the University of Illinois. The University of Illinois Archive wants to highlight the importance of identifying women in scientific fields of study and engineers, in order to develop a diversified historical record. Please share this information with anyone who seems interested!

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.



Speaker: Dr. Krista Habing, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Naba Lab at the University of Illinois Chicago

Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Time: 12-1:00 pm

Location: Main Library, Room 146

1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL

Virtual: Join Online via link provided upon registration

[Click to register for Women in Science September Lecture: Dr. Krista Habing](#)

YMCA Friday Forum + Conversation Café

Speaker: Jose Vazquez, Muralist

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: 12 pm-1:00 pm



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

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

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 *BENVENIDOS: The Works and Murals of Jose Vazquez*.

[Click to view presentation calander](#)



Welcoming week

STORIES WE SHARE: The Courage to Connect

Date: September 9th-19th

Welcoming week will provide those who attend a variety of family-friendly events that celebrate the contributions of immigrants in the Champaign County area.

[Click to view event calander](#)

Upcoming Graduate Student Events

Graduate Student 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 lightening talk or elevator pitch about their research. Following that, they will receive feedback from faculty and other graduate students regarding their presentations.



ILLINOIS GLOBAL INSTITUTE

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY
and
the Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Graduate Student Lightning Talk on Gender Research

"Talks on Fire: Big Ideas, Elevator Pitches"

Friday, September 11th
1:00-3:00pm
via Zoom

Speaker information and Zoom registration



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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. This event will showcase the convergences and divergences in the ways we can present our core arguments and research puzzles and how to condense it in ways that highlight the major contributions to our respective fields of study!

[Click here for speaker information and registration](#)



Public Speaking Workshop

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 24

Time: 12 pm

Location: 306 Coble Hall

801 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820

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.

[Click to register for Public Speaking Workshop with Laura Stengrim](#)

Campus Events of Interest

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

Sawyer Seminar Series 2026-27
Illinois Scholars at Risk



ACADEMIC FREEDOM PANEL

HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN WE ARE NO LONGER FREE?

Join us for a half-day discussion with scholars from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Cameroon about the erosion of academic freedom in their home countries, and what American higher education can learn from their firsthand accounts.

Friday, September 25
Illini Union Room A

9:00 Welcome
9:20 Individual Presentations
10:40 Moderated Panel Discussion
11:20 Audience Q&A and Discussion
12:00 Lunch & Networking
1:00 Departure

RSVP Only
Limited seating
[Register here](#) →



FEATURING:


Dr. Nasim Sahail | Afghanistan
Department of Pathobiology (Vet Med)


Dr. Moe Moe Aung | Myanmar
Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior (SIB)


Dr. Anastasiya Vasetskya | Ukraine
Department of Comparative Biosciences (Vet Med)


Dr. David Toh Kusi | Cameroon
School of Information Sciences & Departments of English and Comparative Literatures (LAS)

Featured Speakers: Dr. Nasim (Department of Pathobiology), Dr. Moe Moe Aung (Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior), Dr. Anastasiya Vasetskya (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-1:00pm

Location: Illini Room A, Illini Union First Floor

RSVP: Complete the form below prior to September 15th (availability limited to 100 seats)

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

[Click for full event details and registration](#)



Devi S. Laskar presents *Midnight at the War*

Speaker: Devi S. Laskar, poet, novelist, artist, photographer, and former newspaper reporter.

Date: Wednesday, September 9th

Time: 4-5:30 pm

Location: Main Library, Medium Commons, Room 220

Zoom option available

The University Library, Center for South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies, and Asian American Cultural Center, invites students to discuss Devi S. Laskar's newest novel *Midnight, At the War*.

The novel follows the story of Rita Das, a foreign correspondent working in the Middle East, who must grapple not only with the cultural and political changes sweeping through the United States at

that time, but also with her own complicated relationships with family and grief.

This event is open to the public. Registration is encouraged for both virtual and in-person attendees.

Click to learn more about Devi S. Laskar presents Midnight at the War event and register

Fall 2026 Events

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OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUITY**

FALL 2026

August 28 12pm AAUW Information Session 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/AAUWInfo September 3 4pm CSGGE Fall Reception Lutzer Hall, University YMCA RSVP appreciated by Sep. 1 go.illinois.edu/CSGGEFallReception September 10 4pm Series on International Year of the Woman Farmer Research Frontiers on Empowerment of Women Farmers Ruth Meinen-Dick, Research Fellow Emeritus, International Food Policy Research Institute 210 Illini Union September 11 1pm via Zoom Graduate Student Lightning Talk on Gender Research "Talks on Fire: Big Ideas, Elevator Pitches" go.illinois.edu/TalksonFireSep11 September 24 12pm Public Speaking Workshop Laura Stengrim co-hosted by Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/PSWSep24	October 1 12pm Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" Sexual Harassment and the Geography of Service Work in the U.S. Emily E. LB. Twarog, LER 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkOct1 October 8 12pm Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" Audiences interpretations of gender problems based on the Netflix show, Adolescence Shaimaa Khanam, Communication 306 Coble Hall go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkOct8 October 13 12pm Panel on "Fostering Student Agency for Community Engagement" Hosted by CSGGE and IHSI ACES Heritage Room Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/CEROct13	October 15 12pm Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" Pushed Out and Boxed In: Gendered Silence and Exit Orientations in China's Tech Industry Tingting Zhang, LER 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkOct15 October 21 12pm Workshop on "Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals for Research Abroad" Illini Room A, Illini Union Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/Fellowshipworkshop October 22 12pm Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" Title: TBD Maria Hadjipolycarpou, Classics 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkOct22 October 29 12pm Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" When Women Are Ideal Workers: The Gendered Impact of Overwork on Wages and Promotion Yeaseul Hur, LER 306 Coble Hall Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkOct29	November 3 3pm Panel Discussion "How Graduate Minors Help You on the Job Market" 210 Levis Faculty Center go.illinois.edu/JobMarketNov3 November 5 12pm Panel on Academic Publications co-hosted by Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies 104 Illini Union Lunch with RSVP go.illinois.edu/AcadPubNov5 December 3 12pm via Zoom Series on "Gender Equity in an Inequitable Era" Threads of Care: Ralli-making and Women's Wellbeing Under Climate Stress Marwah Malik, Urban and Regional Planning go.illinois.edu/LunchTalkDec3 GRID Minor Information Sessions September 30 4-5pm October 9 10:30-11:30am Learn about the Gender Relations In International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor 306 Coble Hall or virtual with pre-registration at go.illinois.edu/GRIDInfo 
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For information on CSGGE hosted or co-sponsored events, please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/CSGGEevents> or click on QR code



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

Please, click here for CSGGE Master Calendar

CSGGE Student Spotlight



[Urooba Fatima](#), a PhD Student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a GRID student, presented in a panel discussion at the Menstruation Research Network's conference in Brighton, U.K. in July 2026, titled, "To enroll or not to enroll: Investigating menstrual attitudes in Pakistani diaspora via willingness to enroll in Sex Education at Schools."

Urooba also received the Dissertation Completion fellowship from the Graduate College for her doctoral dissertation, "Investigating Menstrual Attitudes and Menstrual Concealment, via archival and qualitative methods, in Karachi and London."

July 2026 she co-published an article "*Who is a responsible woman? Understanding the scope and characteristics of responsible womanhood amongst women in Karachi.*" *Feminist Anthropology* e70060.

[Who is a responsible woman? Understanding the scope and characteristics of responsible womanhood amongst women in Karachi - Fatima - Feminist Anthropology - Wiley Online Library.](#)



[Shaimaa Khanam](#), a PhD Candidate in the Department of Communication at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a GRID student, has recently completed her first publication about communication and meaning-making related to ambiguous experiences of sexual violence.

["Between consent and coercion: A grounded theory of meaning-making and communication after ambiguous sexual violations."](#)



[Joanna Adewunmi](#), a PhD Candidate in the School of Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a GRID student, published a conference proceeding with the Information Research journal where she presented at the Information Seeking in Context (ISIC) Conference held in McGill University, Canada over the past summer.

["Information behavior as a framework for exploring STEM participation of Black women."](#)



[Soodeh Mansouri](#), a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a GRID student, recently presented "From Sidewalk to Global Feed: Women's Video Activism and the Politics of the Body in Iran" at the 2026 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, in the session "Body Politics, State Power, and Resistance," organized by the Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section. Additionally, Mansouri made a publication in *Journal of Feminist Anthropology & Gender Studies*, Issue 46.

["Ink Against Erasure: Women's Letters, Embodied Resistance, and the Iranian Green Movement"](#)

Please, click here to see all CSGGE GRID Student Spotlight

CSGGE Faculty Affiliate Spotlight

CSGGE Faculty Affiliates Rated as Excellent by Their Students

Spring 2025

- Ann Abbott
- Catalina Alzate Mora
- Mary Arends-Kuenning
- Valeria Bonatti
- Charles Fogelman
- Melissa Goodnight
- Heidi Hurd
- McKenzie Johnson
- Patrick Keenan
- Mahruq Khan
- Amit Kramer
- Jessica Li
- Samantha Lindgren
- Mariselle Melendez
- Cecilia M. Tenorio
- Helga Varden
- Ryan Wade
- Min Zhan
- Tingting Zhang

Books Published by CSGGE Faculty Affiliates (2025-2026)

1. Felisa Vergara Reynolds and Kate Hodgson (2026), [Maryse Condé and Caribbean Crossings](#). Liverpool University Press.
2. Matthew S. Winters and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro (2026), [Persistent Citizens: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil and Argentina](#). Cambridge University Press.

This is a selection of highlighted publications, presentations, and awards 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.

[Damian Vergara Bracamontes](#): The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation announces Bracamontes as one of eleven faculty members to receive the [Cohen Innovation Award](#).

[Yazmín M. Crespo-Claudio](#): HRI's [Inquiry blog](#) recently highlighted Yazmín M. Crespo-Claudio's development of the ARCH 403 Seminar, "Spatial Theories from/with the Caribbean."

[Liv T. Davila](#): Professor Liv T. Dávila presented Davila, L. T. (2026, May 26). [School-based healthcare access and health education for low-income, multilingual immigrant children](#). Department of Special Education, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden. Additionally, she presented Davila, L. T. (2026, May 18). [Éthique du soin et autonomie dans l'enseignement aux jeunes élèves multilingues \(Care and agency in teaching young multilingual learners\)](#). Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France.

[Hope C. Michelson](#): Professor Hope C. Michelson was recently awarded, with co-authors, Erin Lentz, Kathy Baylis, and Manny Kim, the [Quality of Research Discovery Award from the AAEA](#). Additionally, Professor Michelson was asked by the Gates Foundation and the UAE to lead their soil health technical innovation panel for the [AIM for Scale initiative](#). The global initiative is to holistically identify and support the adoption of agricultural innovations, working with development banks to combine technical expertise and guidance with financing and partnerships. The goal is to reach millions of farmers around the world. The technical panel will combine leading researchers with folks from government, multilateral dev banks, donors, and NGOs to identify the relevant innovations.

[Ghassan Moussawi](#): Moussawi, Ghassan and Mary Romero (co-editors). 2026. [Authoritarianism, Resistance, Coloniality: Lessons from the Global South \[special issue\]](#), *Sociological Forum*. Moussawi, Ghassan and Mary Romero. 2026. ["Introduction: Rethinking our Sociological Imaginations Through the Global South: Lessons from the Colonized,"](#) *Sociological Forum*, Online First, August 24. Moussawi, Ghassan, Jacob Richardson, and Theodore Greene. ["Beyond Positionalities: Moving Towards a Queer Embodied Approach to Researching LGBTQ+ Space and Placemaking,"](#) *Sex & Sexualities*, 1, no. 2: 201-10 (invited, editorial review) Ghassan, Moussawi and Victoria Reyes. 2025. ["Crisis Feminisms: How Convenient Forgetting, Feminist Ambivalence, and Racial Gaslighting Maintain the Status Quo"](#) *Critical Sociology* 51, no.7-8: 1665–87. We would like

to congratulate Professor Moussawi who was awarded by the Society for the Study of Social Problems the [2025 Social Problems Theory Division's Outstanding Article Award](#).

Amit Kramer: Pak, S., Kramer, A., & Kim, Y. K. (2025). [Tipping the scales: how paid work hours thresholds impact health and gender wage disparities](#). *The International Journal of Human Resource Management*, 36(13), 2342–2379. This study examines how paid working hours affect health and wages in South Korea, with particular attention to gender differences. Using 13 years of Korean Labor and Income Panel Study data (2009–2021), the findings show an inverted U-shaped relationship between work hours and health: health improves as paid hours increase up to a point, then declines. Professor Kramer presented at the Academy of Management Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2026, on "Invisible Labor: How Infertility Treatment Creates Hidden Workplace Demands for Working Women." For more information, visit [Professor Amit Kramer's website](#).

Sandraluz Lara-Cinisomo: Lara-Cinisomo, S., Patel, A., Schissler, A. M., & Romero, M. E. (2026). [The Dual Experience of Postpartum Pain and Depressive Symptoms: A Qualitative Study](#). *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*, 08445621261475736. Lara-Cinisomo, S., & Melesse, B. (2026). [Perceived Labor Control Among Latinas: Examining the Role of Pregnancy Loss, Prenatal Depression, and Childbirth Pain Severity](#). *Journal of midwifery & women's health*. Mendy, M. E., & Lara-Cinisomo, S. (2026). [Addressing Gaps in Mental Health Policy: The Urgent Need to Support Perinatal Latinas](#). *Women's Health Issues*.

Rachel Storm: Dr. Rachel Lauren Storm will be presenting at the [Illinois Art Education Association Conference](#). Here, Dr. Storm will be presenting "Accessibility and Engagement in Art Museum Education: A Case Study" with colleagues Grace Bae and Kamila Glowacki from Krannert Art Museum. Drawing on a multi-year museum-school collaboration with teen artists, her session will share strategies for accessible and engaged museum learning, collaborative curriculum development, and sustained partnerships between K–12 educators and museums. She further announced that the [National Art Education Association Conference](#), March 2027, New York City: Krannert Art Museum will bring *Rest Lab*, an ongoing experimental installation and engagement project centered on rest, accessibility, and collective care, to the national conference as a pop-up installation. [View Rest Lab 10: Path at Krannert Art Museum this fall](#).

Felisa Vergara Reynolds: Dr. Felisa Vergara Reynolds and Dr. Caribbean Crossings released their new co-edited volume, ["Maryse Condé and Caribbean Crossings,"](#) in November 2026. They have gathered international scholars to examine the life, work, and legacy of the Alternative Nobel Prize-winning author Maryse Condé. The volume explores crossings between genres, histories, and temporalities, and includes a foreword by Richard Philcox and Condé's final unedited text, *Le "mentir vrai"*.

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](#)

Announcements and Funding Opportunities

International Conference on Gender and Society

The International Conference on Gender and Society will take place from 26–28 February 2027 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Please note the following deadlines:

Abstract Submission Deadline: 05 February 2027

Early Registration Deadline: 16 November 2026

Final Registration Deadline: 16 February 2027

[Click to submit your abstract or register as an attendee](#)



Student Affairs

WOMEN'S RESOURCES CENTER

VERDELL FRAZIER YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP

The Verdell Frazier Young Award was established to assist women and gender minorities who have had an interruption in pursuing a college degree.

REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled UIUC student
- Minimum GPA score is 2.75
- Applicant must have experienced an interruption in education of 1 year or more

Contact us: +217-333-3137

AWARD INFO

- Spring, Summer, and Fall awards
- Award amount varies based on financial need

go.illinois.edu/VFY

Fall 2026 Verdell Frazier Young Scholarship

The VFY Scholarship provides scholarships to assist women and gender minorities who have had an interruption in pursuing a college degree.

Women's Resources Center

[Fall 2026 Verdell Frazier Young Scholarship eligibility and application](#)

President's Research Travel Assistance Program Fall 2026

The Vice President of Academic Affairs has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2026 President's Research Travel Assistance Program. Of the 10 graduate and professional students selected, each will receive up to \$1,000 in funding to attend professional conferences between October 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027.

University of Academic Programs and Services

Application Deadline: September 8th, 2026

Click to learn more about the President's Research Travel Assistance Program and apply



HRI Faculty & Graduate Fellowships 2027-2028

HRI invites faculty and graduate students from all disciplines and departments to submit proposals, with an emphasis on humanities-related research. The fellowship theme is **"Sovereignties."**

Humanities Research Institute

Submission portal open on September 1, 2026

Deadline: 5 pm Central on Friday, December 4th, 2026

Click to learn more about HRI Faculty & Graduate Fellowships 2027-28

[Schlumberger Foundation](#) - Faculty for the Future (FFTF) Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships for Women in STEM (Deadline: November 6)

[Margaret McNamara Education Grants](#) (MMEG) - Grant for Women from Developing Countries (Deadline anticipated January)

Did you know that the fellowship office has over 1,000 listings in our [Fellowship Finder](#) database?

Visit Fellowship Finder to watch a short video tutorial and conduct an individualized search based on your discipline, stage of study, and academic goals.

CSGGE Programs

CSGGE Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor



CSGGE offers a graduate minor in Gender Relations in International Development in (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.**

Certificate in Global Health

[Click here for more information](#)



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