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Director's Welcome Colleen Murphy, Director

As Director of WGGP, I would like to thank the many individuals and units from across campus that support WGGP and its work. We had a wonderful fall semester collaborating with several units across campus and look forward to even more events and collaborations this spring semester. With the spring semester came the formal arrival of the new Vice Provost for International Affairs and Global Strategy, Reitumetse Mabokela. While pursuing her PhD in Education Policy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Vice Provost Mabokela was active in the Office of Women in International Development (WID), the original name of WGGP. We are delighted to have Vice Provost Mabokela as a WGGP Faculty affiliate.

This is the second year of the Inequality Initiative. Housed within WGGP, this initiative has over thirty faculty participants from eleven colleges and schools across campus. A variety of departments, centers, and colleges at UIUC provide intellectual and financial support. The initiative focuses on different types of inequalities within domestic and international communities and considers their moral significance, causes, consequences, and possible solutions. Sub-themes for the 2014-2015 AY are "Inequality in Higher Education" and "The Societal Impact of Climate Change." The Inequality Initiative fits squarely into the university-wide "Visioning Future Excellence" foci on Social Equality and Cultural Understanding; Economic Development; and Energy and the Environment.

With co-sponsorship from The Center for Advanced Study MillerComm Series and over twenty units from across campus, the Initiative's major fall event in October was to bring Timothy Noah to campus. Mr. Noah is the author of *The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis*.

Other fall activities included a Workshop on Inequality in Education comparing the U.S. and Brazil hosted by the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies. Our Spring semester kicked off with a film screening of "A Fierce Green Fire," co-hosted by the Land Conservation Foundation, The Illinois Program in Law and Philosophy, and WGGP. 2014 MacArthur Genius and WGGP faculty affiliate, Tami Bond, also gave a fascinating

campus lecture, "Energy in the Anthropocene Era: A tale of fire, smoke, time, and power".



In addition to the Inequality Initiative, WGGP continues to

maintain a strong lineup of regular programming events. A highlight in the fall was the talk by WGGP supporter and Faculty Emerita, Evelyne Accad, "How Can Women Face the Recent Events in the Middle East?" This spring we look forward to hosting our inaugural annual GRID Alumnus Lecture, which will be given by Eeshani Kandpal of The World Bank.

A core strength of WGGP is its Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) graduate minor, which is open to any University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Graduate Student. As we move to the future and expand this minor, we look forward to your participation in and feedback on the minor. As WGGP's director, I want to hear from students, alumni, and faculty associated with the program. If you would like to provide any feedback on the program or if you would like to learn more about the GRID minor, please contact Anita Kaiser (Assistant Director) at arkaiser@illinois.edu or 217-333-6221, or contact me directly at colleenm@illinois.edu or 217-333-1994.

I hope you enjoy our Spring Newsletter. We spotlight a few of the many wonderful people associated with our unit, including Karen Flynn, who will be giving the annual WGGP Faculty Affiliate lecture; Charles Fogelman, 2013-14 Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship recipient; and Paolo Gardoni, who was appointed an associate director of new center that was recently awarded a \$20 million cooperative agreement to establish a research center to help communities increase resilience to disaster. We also highlight some of our upcoming events. As always, we sponsor and co-sponsor a number of events each semester so please consult our web page <http://ips.illinois.edu/wggp/> for a full list of upcoming events. ■



Research Notes

“Are you Black or Coloured in South Korea”? Navigating Racial Identity in an Online Group

Karen Flynn, Professor of Gender and Women’s Studies and African American Studies, and WGGP Affiliate

Professor Flynn will present her work at WGGP Affiliate Talk on March 18th at 12pm.

In terms of the movement of people of African descent historically, certain people, travels, and spaces have been privileged. Most often, it is those one way journeys which resulted in extended stay or permanent settlement. In the case of the Caribbean, it is the unprecedented move to the colonies of Britain and France and then later Canada and the United States following the Second World War. From the United States, musicians, artists, writers and intellectuals, including, but not limited to Josephine Baker, WEB DuBois, Richard Wright, and to a certain extent Mary Church Terrell are positioned as the quintessential Black internationals. One discernable motif, however, that characterizes the movement of the aforementioned group is their refusal to be confined by the nation-state. Scholars have underscored the emerging dialogues that undergird discussions of Black Atlantic cultural identities and the implications this has for forging political identifications and relationships from, and across multiple geographic spaces. Indeed, the creation and recreation of the African/Black Diaspora continues to preoccupy scholars as they grapple with the exigencies of modernity intensified by an increasingly transnational and globalized society. With few exceptions, the Black Atlantic, popularized by Paul Gilroy continues to be the main analytical framework used to map the cross-border activities of people of African descent. To be sure, these studies have generated new perspectives and have enriched scholarly analyses of the African/Black diaspora. Yet, there are still other travels undertaken by people of African descent beyond the 18th, 19th and even 20th century that expands the frame of reference beyond the Black Atlantic.

My current research project seeks to reconfigure the Black Atlantic beyond its traditional route by mapping the travel itineraries of Black women and men of African descent (U.S., Britain, Canada, and the English speaking Caribbean) who travel to Asia, more specifically South Korea. The group includes study abroad students, English as Foreign Language (EFL) instructors who comprise the majority of the group, and missionaries. Some attention is paid to artists, entertainers, and entrepreneurs. In addition to exploring how Asia becomes a site for unlimited possibilities and potential for people of African descent, the project underscores how identities, ideas, behavior, and social capital are exchanged and understood within

an increasing globalized and technological oriented society exemplified, for example, in the formation of the closed Facebook group Brothas and Sistas in South Korea (BSSK). BSSK was founded by 37 year old Sha Curington in 2008 with the intent to disseminate information and network “with our people while abroad in SoKo.” While the group is comprised primarily of people of African-descent (mainly African Americans) who are EFL teachers, the group boasts people from across the globe. “BSSK reflects characteristics associated with communities of practice (COP) in that members exchange and share information, knowledge, and experiences (social capital) that is critical to their professional and personal lives.”¹ Notwithstanding, BSSK embody key characteristics of CoPs as it operates



Mike Brown Vigil, Hongik University

synchronously and asynchronously, I insist that the group needs to be understood as part of a long tradition of social networking as an important activity for people of African descent.

Queries about employment issues, classroom environment, pedagogical strategies, and employer/employee conflicts are common posts. Whether the communication format is synchronous or asynchronous, as social network, BSSK has certainly nurtured a culture of sharing. New instructors or teachers interested in teaching in South Korea, for example, who join BSSK have at their disposal a wealth of easily accessible information. In addition to people posting daily questions and receiving immediate feedback, BSSK members

have created over a hundred files to assist expatriates in navigating life in South Korea. Some of the files relate to teaching, transportation, taxes, hair salons, restaurants, medical insurance, obtaining a credit card, and how to create an event. BSSK members organize meet ups, such as girls nights out, movie nights, and other extracurricular activities. These events help members to deal with being in a new environment. BSSK members are also attuned to events occurring in their home countries as well. It is not unusual to see posts about current events such as “Bring Back Our Girls,” and the recent Mike Brown shooting. Here Marvin Mills II explained how he got involved in organizing the vigil at Hongik University:

In short, a small vigil of four or five was done in another area of Korea, a couple folks thought it would be good to do something like that but on a bigger scale and in Seoul. I came into the discussion when I wanted to do something here in Korea and reached out to the BSSK group to see if there was any planning going on. And so I began to help lead out in organizing the vigil with one of the BSSK members, De’Ja Motley (who is from Chicago, actually 2 of the organizers are, including one who is fluent in Korean. She was instrumental in the organizing) who had known about the small vigil and wanted to do something in Seoul.²

According to Mills, about 50 people showed up. While BSSK members were the key architects of the vigils, they also depended on the support of their Korean counterparts for translation purposes or to sign the appropriate documents needed for the vigils. Apparently, one has to be a Korean citizen of South Korea to be able

to organize protests of any kind. In these moments of creating awareness in South Korea about blackness and Black lives, however ephemeral, a form of cultural exchange is taking place. Indeed, a member at the Jeju City vigil explained that, “It was a beautiful group vigil with candles and signs and singing. We got nothing but support from our community. People were very intrigued, reading the signs, taking pictures and discussing.”³

Whether through teaching EFL, volunteering, organizing vigils, or traveling throughout Asia, there is as a sense that these temporary migrants despite homesickness, loneliness, and dealing with being Black in Asia they are fashioning themselves as global citizens. Indeed, these temporary migrants and their sojourns allows for an engagement with questions of modernity that moves beyond the Black Atlantic and making gestures towards the Black Pacific.

(Endnotes)

1 Etienne Wenger, “Knowledge management as a doughnut: Shaping your knowledge strategy through communities of practice,” *Ivey Business Journal* (2004), 68 (3), 1-8 (pg. 3).

2 Email Conversation with Marvin Mills II, January 30th, 2015

3 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/emailbssk/permalink/10152533006088753/>. The other organizers are Elizabeth Martin, and Janelle Belle

See, Sabrina Hill, “From Seoul to Ferguson! Black Lives Matter,” <http://seoulfi.com/2014/12/07/black-lives-matter-from-seoul-to-ferguson/>, retrieved, February 2nd, 2015.



Gender, Authority, and the Politics of Land”

Charles Fogelman, Goodmann Fellow, 2013-14

The small southern African “Mountain Kingdom” of Lesotho is both a sovereign state and an object of international development. Interventions from outside have typified the country at least since independence in 1966. However, a leading

historian of southern Africa has declared that “the history of ‘development’ projects in Lesotho is one of almost unremitting failure to achieve their objectives.” Another scholar says that “for the ‘development’ industry in Lesotho, ‘failure’ appears to be the norm.” These criticisms have not slowed the flow of development money into Lesotho, with donors spending over \$120 million in 2012.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a Bush-Obama era U.S.-government development aid

body, is among the biggest recent donors to Lesotho, with over \$360 million in grants disbursed from 2008 to 2013. Of that money, \$20 million was earmarked for the Land Administration Reform Project, which changed the way urban land is held and exchanged in Lesotho. Instead of land being allocated by chiefs, the Project led to a willing-seller, willing-buyer exchange system, much like the real estate market in the U.S. This change was codified in the Land Act 2010, passage of which was required before \$20 million would be passed from the U.S. Treasury to Lesotho.

Thanks to the WGGP Program, the Family of Kathleen Cloud, the Goodman Family and Barbara Yates, I was able to spend eight months of 2014 in Lesotho gathering data to help illuminate some of the issues raised by the Land Act. While in Lesotho, I divided my time between government, NGO, parastatal and diplomatic offices in Maseru, Lesotho’s capital city, and a peri-urban village on the city’s periphery, Ha Mohapi (a pseudonym to protect anonymity). In Ha Mohapi, I was able to build



Cows walk past a new housing development in Maseru, Lesotho (photo credit: Dan McKeever)

a relationship with the chief and conduct interviews with members of 40 households there. Though I haven't yet completed my analysis and write up, my initial findings

are telling.

Among the main reasons for the land reform project was a gender justification. Married women had been legal minors in the eyes of Lesotho's laws until 2006. The land tenure situation in the country reflected this. This new law compelled married couples to register land jointly. As I outline below, that element of the project has been a major success, but it is hardly enough to create gender equity in land access in Lesotho.

Alongside this qualified success, the law and its execution were also consistent with the MCC's motto, "Poverty alleviation through economic growth." That ethos raises a broad question about what happens when goals of economic growth and poverty alleviation are in conflict. My work considers this question, but also focuses on a single specific development intervention in Lesotho: was it



Road sign on the outskirts of Maseru, Lesotho (photo credit: Stacey McKeever)

just another failure in a long history of failures?

First, the land reform cannot be characterized as another in the long series of "unremitting failures" by the development industry in Lesotho. Because of the large financial contribution of the U.S. and the work of consultants and bureaucrats from Lesotho, the U.S. and elsewhere, the land reform project is nearly complete in Maseru. Land allocation is no longer the responsibility of chiefs, but of elected officials and market exchanges. This is not, however, an entirely happy tale.

There is an ambiguity in two of the main objectives of the MCC-led land reform. While the goals include poverty alleviation and gender equality, the mechanism for either is unclear. MCC documents say that both come through "economic growth," but there is a limited explanation of how that happens. Rhetorically, this bears an unsettling resemblance to failed trickle down policies of the recent past. In practice, one gender-related finding

sticks out prominently from my field research.

The good news is that women are receiving leases in larger numbers than men. Relative to before the law, landholdings that include a woman's name (herself or with a spouse) have increased over twentyfold since the Land Act became official. Numbers in Ha Mohapi are consistent with the nationwide figures. On the surface this is excellent news, but the case of Ha Mohapi indicates that it may be more complicated than that. The Land Act has also made it significantly easier for real estate developers to purchase land, and already there are well-formulated plans to make an elite golf course and a housing development on land that was being used for maize cultivation as recently as last summer. So, while women have received leases at unprecedented rates, the rights and abilities conferred by those leases may be temporary.

The golf course and middle-class housing developments are an example of the gulf between economic growth and poverty alleviation. The MCC aligns the two but does little to ensure that increased growth will lead to reduced poverty. Without that link explicitly drawn, the land rights of poor landholders (who are now disproportionately women) are endangered by the concentrated wealth that often accompanies economic



Maclark Letsie, my host mother as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho from 2003 to 2005, meets my daughter, Helen, in Ha Ramohapi, Lesotho (photo credit: Charles Fogelman)

growth. There is a real danger that the words of an urban planner for the city of Maseru will be sadly prophetic. He told me, when I asked about the current residents of Ha Mohapi, that "the city is no place for poor people!" The very real concern is that his perspective becomes the norm – that Lesotho has economic growth, but with poverty alleviation and gender equity lost in the wake of housing developments and golf courses.

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Bureaucrats and elected officials discuss the planned housing development on this site, "Ha Mohapi," Lesotho (photo credit: Charles Fogelman)

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STUDENT CORNER

WGGP Graduate minor Gender Relations in International Development (GRID)

The GRID interdisciplinary minor is designed to give students the analytical and empirical skills needed to address global human security and gender equity issues in research and policy analysis, as well as daily life.

If you would like more information, please contact us at wggp@illinois.edu

WGGP BOOK CLUB

Overview

The idea for the WGGP Book Club surfaced in Spring 2014 when three GRID students expressed an interest in building on knowledge learned in the GRID Core class (HCD 571/GWS 512), taught by Dr. Noreen Sugrue. Beginning in Fall 2014, the WGGP Book club brought a group of six graduate students from five disciplines together to discuss current themes in international development and gender, with a focus on practice and policy.

Structure

The WGGP Book Club meets once a month each semester for three hours. During the pilot semester in Fall 2014, four meetings were held. Each meeting, one book or two to three journal articles are discussed, selected by the group member who has been designated group leader for that month. That designated group leader also facilitates the discussion for the respective meeting.

Outputs

In addition to monthly meetings, the group has aimed to produce a small collection of outputs. To produce these outputs, the larger reading group divided into two smaller working groups of three members each. Currently, one working group is preparing to present their group paper at the 18th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference (AABSS) in February 2015. They are also working with Dr. Sugrue to prepare a white paper for the WGGP White Paper Series. In addition, there is discussion of a Focal Point grant application, which potentially includes multiple members of the reading group.

Current Group Members

Carol Burga: PhD in Geography; from Peru. Interested in indigenous rights and mapping technology in indigenous communities. Regional interest in Latin America, including Peru.

Annie Contractor: MA in Urban Planning; from US. Interested in intersections of influence between areas such as transportation infrastructure and public health. Also interested in grassroots activism and in housing rights. Regional interest in Latin America, particularly Brazil.

Lenore Matthew: MSW/PhD in Social Work; from US.

Interested in impacts of socioeconomic development programs and policies on women, children, and families; and women's participation in the labor force (formally and informally) in the Global South. Regional interest in Latin America, particularly Central America and the Southern Cone.

Telamisile Mkhathswa: MA in African Studies; from Swaziland. Interested in literature, the arts, and education, and women's development; and how literature and the arts can impact and intersect development policies. Regional interest in Africa, including Swaziland.

Tumani Malinga: PhD in Social Work; from Botswana. Interested in childhood experiences of poverty and effects of childhood experiences on adulthood, particularly in women and mothers. Regional interest in Africa, particularly Botswana.

Elizabeth Sloffer: MS in Food Science; from US. Interested in development and nutrition, and improvements in lipid supplements and nutritional interventions. Regional interest in Sub Saharan Africa, especially Uganda.



Poster Presentation at AABSS, February 2015

Three GRID students, Telamisile Mkhathswa, Tumani Malinga, and Lenore Matthew, presented a poster titled, "Oral Literature and Performance: A tool for Coping and Policy Action for Marginalized Women in Swaziland" at the 18th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nevada in February 9-10, 2015. Telamisile is a Masters student with the Center for African Studies, and Tumani and Lenore are PhD students in the School of Social Work. Their presentation showed that disadvantaged and disempowered Swazi women use oral performance to debate, educate and cope with day-to-day challenges. However, practitioners and policymakers overlook oral performance as a valuable source of knowledge that may inform gender-progressive policies and programs. They recommended that policymakers and practitioners must explore oral literature and performance to adequately understand and address the challenges that marginalized women in Swaziland face. Tela, Tumani, and Lenore's project was initiated through collaboration in WGGP student reading group.

Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program



WGGP Fall 2014 Event Highlights



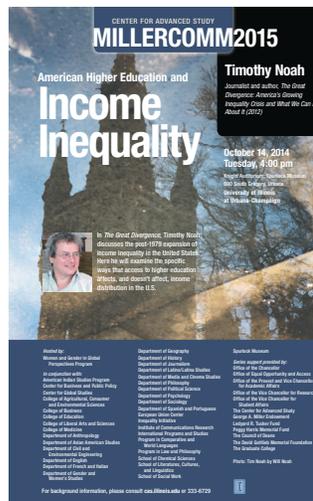
September 12, 2014
 “How Can Women Face the Recent Events
 in the Middle East”
 Evelyne Accad, Emerita, University of
 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



November 6-7, 2014
 “Workshop on Inequality in Education:
 Comparing the U.S. and Brazil”



November 17, 2014
 “Gender, Authority, and the
 Politics of Land”
 Charles Fogelman,
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Income Inequality and Higher Education
 Timothy Noah, Author of the “The Great Divergence:
 America’s Growing Inequality Crisis”



Spring 2015 Events

JANUARY

January 30, 2015, 3pm

Location: Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Language Bldg
"Angry Goddesses and Feminist Fairytales: Kirino Natsuo's Kojiki Sequel"
Speaker: Rebecca Copeland
Japanese Language and Literature,
Washington University
Sponsor: East Asian Languages and Cultures
Co-sponsors: WGGP and others

FEBRUARY

***February 2, 2015, 7pm**

Location: The Art Theater Co-op, 126 W. Church, C.
"A Fierce Green Fire" Film Screening & Discussion
Sponsor: WGGP, The Land Conservation Foundation, and
The Illinois Program in Law and Philosophy

***February 3, 2015, 4pm Reception to follow**

Location: NCSA Auditorium, 1205 W. Clark, U.
"Energy in the Anthropocene Era: A tale of fire, smoke, time, and power"
Speaker: Tami C. Bond
Nathan M. Newmark Distinguished Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellow 2014
Sponsor: WGGP
Co-sponsors: Civil and Environmental Engineering; CEE Societal Risk Management (SRM) Program; Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment; Center for African Studies; Illinois Program in Law and Philosophy; Scholarship of Sustainability Series; Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy.

MARCH

March 1-31 Library Exhibit (North-South Corridor)
"Global Climate Change: Women Matter Worldwide"

March 2-4, 2015

Location: ACES Library, 1101 S. Goodwin, U.
"Power Africa: Promises, Potentials, Pitfalls, and Possible Alternatives"
Sponsor: Center for African Studies
Co-sponsors: WGGP and others

March 12, 2015, 3pm

Location: Room 2015 Social Work, 1010 W. Nevada, U.
"Women's Empowerment and Their Access to Services in South Asia"
Speaker: Shanta Pandey
George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University
Sponsor: WGGP and School of Social Work
Co-sponsor: Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

***Inequality Initiative Event**

If you would like to register for an event or learn more about upcoming events, please visit WGGP at <http://ips.illinois.edu/wggp/> or contact wggp@illinois.edu or (217) 333-1994.

March 18, 2015, 12pm

Location: 101 International Studies Building
WGGP Faculty Affiliate Lecture
"Are you Black or Coloured in South Korea"? Navigating Racial Identity in an Online Group
Speaker: Karen Flynn
Professor, Gender and Women's Studies and African-American Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sponsor: WGGP
Co-sponsor: Center for African Studies; Gender and Women Studies
Free lunch w/ registration at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/5976788>

APRIL

April 6-12, 2015

International Week 2015
For complete list of activities, please visit international.illinois.edu/iw/
Sponsor: International Programs and Studies
Co-sponsors: WGGP and others

April 10, 2015, 12pm

Location: Monsanto Room, ACES Library, 1101 S. Goodwin
GRID Alumni Lecture
Speaker: Eeshani Kandpal
Economist, Poverty and Inequality Unit, The World Bank
Sponsor: WGGP
Co-sponsors: ACES Office of International Programs; Agricultural and Consumer Economics

***April 14, 2015, 12pm**

Location: Heritage Room, ACES Library, 1101 S. Goodwin
"Gender, Resilience, and Shocks"
Speaker: Ruth Meinzen-Dick
International Food Policy Research Institute
Sponsor: WGGP
Co-sponsor: Agricultural and Consumer Economics; Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy
Free Lunch with registration at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8334454>

April 22, 2015, 12pm

Location: 314A Illini Union
Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellow Lecture
"Informally Employed Women's Decisions to Participate in Technical Training Programs in Brazil"
Speaker: Lenore Matthew, 2014-15 Goodman Fellow
Sponsor: WGGP
Co-sponsors: Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies; Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies; School of Social Work
Free Lunch with registration at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9944094>

MAY

May 7, 2015, 3-5pm

Location: 101 International Studies Building
"WGGP Spring Reception"
Honoring Award Recipients and 2015 GRID Graduates
Registration requested <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/6017958>

May 7-9, 2015

"ICARUS IV" Conference
"Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor"
Sponsor: Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy (SDEP) Program
Co-sponsors: WGGP and others
Conference website: www.icarus.info

Inequality Initiative



Based in the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program (WGGP) International Programs and Studies (IPS), the Inequality Initiative (inequalityinitiative.illinois.edu) is designed to engage faculty, post-docs, students, and staff from across the campus in an interdisciplinary dialogue on the moral significance of inequalities within both domestic and international communities, as well as their causes, consequences, and possible solutions. In addition to sponsoring events on campus, the Initiative aims to foster research collaboration among faculty participants, leading to the submission of grant proposals, journal articles, and white papers. The two themes for 2014-15 will be Education and Climate Change.

If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu

Inequality Initiative Core Participants

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[Monica McDermott](#): Sociology

[Noreen Sugrue](#): Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program & Center for Global Studies

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[Flavia Andrade](#): Kinesiology and Community Health & Latin American and Caribbean Studies

[Mary Arends-Kuenning](#): Agricultural and Consumer Economics

[Jeffrey Brown](#): Center for Business and Public Policy

[Merle Bowen](#): Political Science & Center for African Studies

[Cynthia Buckley](#): Sociology & Russian and East European Studies Center

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WGGP Annual Fellowship and Scholarships

WGGP Annual Fellowship and Scholarships are offered through generous donor support. These awards support student research on gender issues in developing countries. Contributions can be made to any of our student research funds listed below:

Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship
Barbara A. Yates International Research Award
Due and Ferber International Research Award
Evelyne Accad International Research Award

For your convenience, you can make online donations at
<http://ips.illinois.edu/wggp/about/giving.html>

WGGP 2014-2015 Award Winners Congratulations!

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

Rita and Arnold Goodman Fellowship



Lenore Matthew (School of Social Work) Lenore Matthew is a student in the PhD program in the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lenore's focus of study will be low-income, informally employed women in Brazil who have begun the process of entering the formal labor market. Specifically, she will conduct a retrospective study of the decision-making processes that led these women to participate in a technical skills training program that serves as a catalyst for low-income women to move from the informal to the formal labor market.

Evelyn Accad and Paul Vieille International Research Award



Liliana Carrizo (Musicology) for research on enduring Iraqi-Jewish music in the lives of surviving Jewish immigrants in Israel from Iraq, focusing on how this music expresses memory and nostalgia, experiences of cultural transition, and gender and social issues.

Barbara A. Yates International Research Award



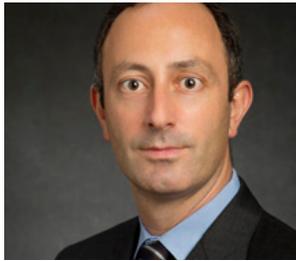
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Kathleen Cloud International Research Award



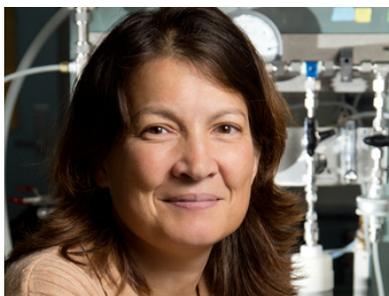
Annie Contractor (Urban and Regional Planning) for research on gendered uses of Brazil's City Statute in the context of the city of Fortaleza.

Faculty Affiliate News



WGGP Faculty Affiliate, Paolo Gardoni (CEE) was recently appointed as associate director of a new Center of Excellence funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The center that focuses on Community Resilience will receive funding for \$20 million over 5 years.

WGGP Faculty Affiliate, Pradeep Dhillon (Education Policy, Organization and Leadership) included in recent edited volume *Making Art and Architecture in Modern India: Woman's Eye, Woman's Hand*, edited volume by D.F.Ruggles. New Delhi: Zubaan, in 2014. An edited collection of papers from the symposium, "The Patronage and Production of Art by Women in Modern South Asia," at the Doris Duke Foundation's Shangri La (Honolulu), with papers by Catherine Asher, Madhavi Desai, Pradeep Dhillon, Alisa Eimen, Sharon Littlefield, Barbara Metcalf, Amita Sinha, Lisa Trivedi, and Mary Woods.



WGGP Faculty Affiliate, Tami Bond (CEE) was awarded a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

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