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TODAY! Global and Intercultural Studies Welcome Event



Monday, September 14, 4-5:30 pm | MacMillan 114-115

All majors, minors, and friends of GIC are welcome to this department open house, to catch up on summer activities, learn about study abroad and study away opportunities, exciting intellectual events, career programming for international, internships, and more. Students, faculty and staff will have a chance to mingle and create community.

Student News

Vistas from a Semester in Argentina

Jori Gibbons-Egolf (ITS, SPN, ORG '27) is currently spending the semester studying in Argentina. She sends the following photos from an event, representing the U.S. at a study abroad fair, and with other international students attending the university (Jori is pictured wearing the remains of a piñata as a hat, from the neighboring Mexican delegation's table).





In the ITS Classroom



Students in **Kate Dannies'** ITS 201 Introduction to International Studies have been learning about the historical development of academic disciplines and how politics, economy, and society have shaped production of knowledge in the modern era. They watched the film Rashomon to analyze the role of bias, perspective, and motivation in historical narratives and to critically interrogate the concept of objectivity.

In her ITS 202 Problem Solving in International Studies class, students are working on a semester-long case study about the Iran war and we have so far covered Iran's modern history and have been learning anthropology, with the class reading a full-length ethnography The Women of Deh Koh.



Meanwhile, last week in **Yeliz Cavuz**'s ITS 201 Intro to International Studies, students visited Special Collections at King Library. During the sessions, students worked with historical primary sources and learned how archival materials can help us explore global issues in International Studies.

Model Arab League Announces New Exec



The MAL team poses at NUMAL after awards ceremony

Model Arab League announces its new executive team for the academic year, listed below. This year the team will represent Saudi Arabia at Ohio Valley Model Arab League conference in February in Bloomington, IN and at the National University Model Arab League in April in Washington, D.C. The team is growing and so the exec team has added a recruitment and research position. The team will organize a mock conference with the UC team and a visit to the special collections. Model Arab League is advised by Shawn Vanness.

Position	Fall '26	Spring '27
President	**Eliza Sullivan**	**Alice Ross**
VP	**Austin Fisher**	**Austin Fisher**
Treasurer	**Aicha Diaw**	**Aicha Diaw**

Position	Fall '26	Spring '27
Communications Chair	**Ethan Nutile**	**Grace Farrell**
Recruitment/Research	**Ben Taylor**	**Lyla Nieter**

Student Opportunities

Career Academy Spring Break Europe Trip

Career Academy 2027 is a career exploration opportunity hosted by Center for Career Exploration and Success. This spring break they will be taking 20 students to Europe to spend time in Luxembourg, Germany, and France for the week. While overseas, the group will be visiting employer partners, meeting with Miami University alumni, participating in panel discussions and networking events, and looking at providing a comprehensive experience for any students interested in pursuing a global career. This is a unique experience that CCES offers that is designed to be immersive in both the industry and culture of these locations.

Most importantly, CCES will cover the vast majority of the costs - students will **only be required to pay a $100 fee**. Students with financial need will have access to grant resources to cover this cost. CCES covers the remainder of all costs associated with the trip.

This is the first round of applications. There will be a second round with essay questions, but the essays have a length limit. It is purely about the content of the answers, and not the length.

Career Academy 2027 Application

Harvard Divinity School Graduate Program Visit

Harvard Divinity School
at
Miami University

Thursday, October 1, 11:30-1 pm | Hughes 161

Considering graduate study in religion, ethics, and public life? Join visitors from Harvard Divinity School to learn more about this career pathway.

Career Pathways: Global Business



Thursday, October 1, 4-5:30 pm | MacMillan 212

Your Future after CAS: Making a Global Business Career a Reality. Greg Roche '95, is the CEO of Distalmotion (a Swiss company). He is a member of the CAS Advisory board and was a Sociology major. He will give a talk grounded in his global career experiences, followed by a Q&A and networking with students and faculty.

Graduate and Law School Workshop

Tuesday, September 29, 4-5:30 pm | MacMillan 115

Come to the GIC Grad School and Law School Workshop to get advice, tips, and recommendations from ITS faculty and to connect to 1-1 mentorship resources. Attendance is encouraged for all GIC majors and minors interested in or in the process of applying to graduate programs, including law school. workshop moderated by **Nathan French** and **Indivar Jonnalagadda**.

Events

Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality Symposium



Webinar Link for all RCGS Sessions

Thursday, September 17 | Bachelor, MacMillan, and virtual locations

Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality Symposium: Gender Justice

The RCGS symposium, sponsored in part by the Mellon Foundation WGS grant, returns to Miami with a one day slate of conversations on the theme of Gender Justice. Featured speakers include editors of the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Intersections: Gender Justice* and GIC faculty.

The sessions will be in person and streamed via webinar. Access the full schedule of events here.

8:00 Coffee and bagels (Bachelor atrium)

8:30 Session One: Troubling Geographies of Feminist Knowledge (Bachelor 1031 and virtual)

10:05 Session Two: Why Gender Matters in These Times (Bachelor 1031 and virtual)

11:45 Lunch and Workshop (Bachelor 1031)

1:15 Session Three: Gender, Labor, and Social Infrastructure (MacMillan 212 and virtual)

2:50 Session Four: Gender Justice and Collective Creative Activity (Bachelor 1031 and virtual)

6:30 Dinner (MacMillan 212)

Bachelor Hall Humanities Hub Open House: GIC Pub Trivia



Friday, September 25, 2-5 pm | Bachelor Hall Atrium

***Wonder*ing the World: A Global Pub Trivia**

Grab a drink and set off on a globe-trotting trivia adventure through world cultures, geographies, and untold stories, all brought to life by the research and creativity of our students in the Department of Global and Intercultural Studies.

WGS Fall Fest



Wednesday, September 30, 11-2:30 pm | Fritz Pavilion, Armstrong Student Center

WGS Fall Fest: Community, Careers, and Connections

Want to know about careers in WGS? Meet the faculty? Do some crafting? Win some prizes? Get some snacks? We've got you covered!

Faculty News

Scott Participates in Gala Commemorating Stonewall



As an outgrowth of his participation in a Scholars Roundtable of LGBTQIA+ history in April, **Damon Scott** celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Stonewall National Monument at a gala event in NYC at the invitation of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). He had the opportunity reconnect with historic preservationists, archivists, community leaders, and academics exploring ways to preserve and interpret additional LGBTQIA+ sites of historical significance nationwide.

Also, under the auspices of the Miami Humanities Center's Digital Research Fellowship, he mentored an undergraduate student on a historical GIS project, culminating in the creation of virtual and physical 3-D model of the San Francisco waterfront in 1938.

Scott Engages Student in Digital Research Fellowship

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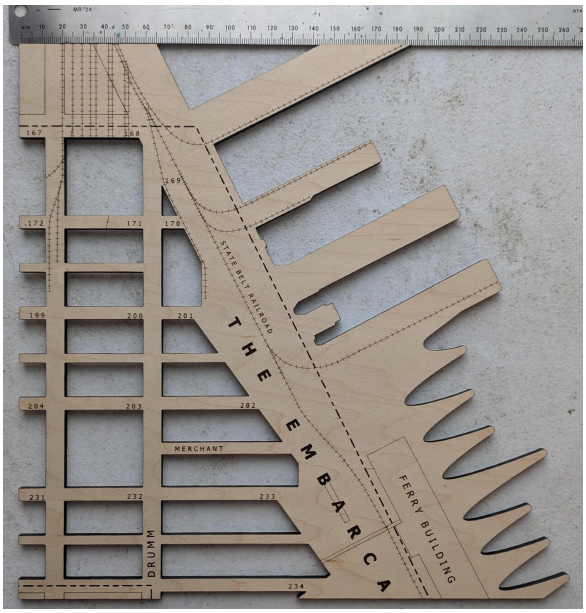
Damon Scott and students prepare to print and cut a panel of their waterfront model in the Makerspace.



One quadrant of the scale model.

Godeanu-Kenworthy Article on Hollywood's Impact on DIY Repairs



NPR Story

Oana Godeanu-Kenworthy published an article in *The Conversation* this May, titled "Today's bans on DIY repairs of everything from cell phones to tractors grew out of Hollywood's fear of videotaping." In it, she tracks the history of planned obsolescence through Hollywood's concern of copyright piracy.

Fun fact: This article Fun fact for our students: it had the highest reach of all Miami's publications since MU started collaborating with the Conversation, at 737,721 total reads!

Oana was also interviewed by NPR affiliate WYSO in June for a piece on the topic, called "Video killed the repairman."

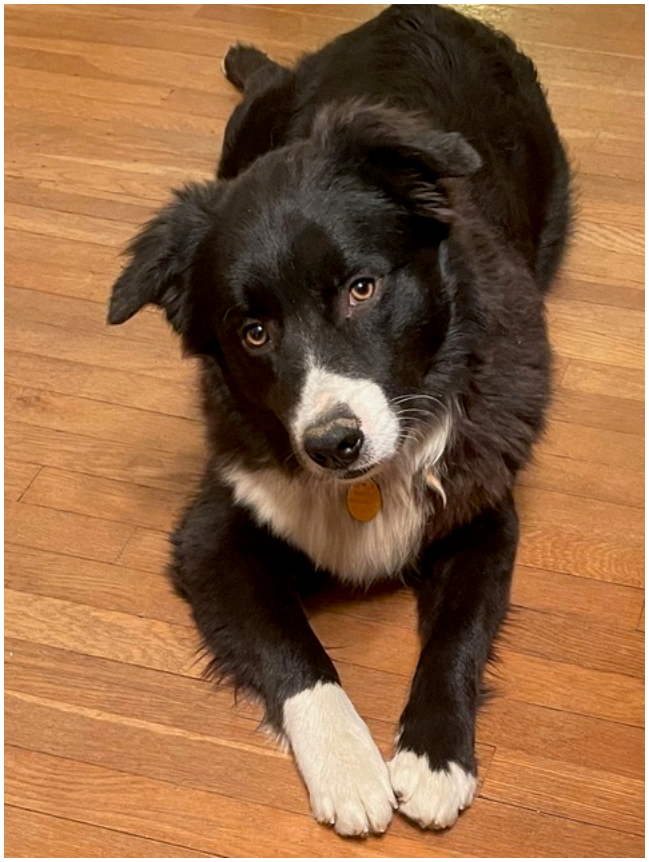
Podcast on Dannies' New Book



A new episode, "Breadwinner Soldiers in the Ottoman Empire," has been released on the series *Ottoman History Podcast.* In it, **Kate Dannies** talks about family roles and gender in military conscription, as part of the research in her newly published book *Conscripting Breadwinner Soldiers in the Late Ottoman Empire: Family, Law & War* (EUP, 2026).

Listen to Podcast

GIC Pet of the Month



In **Liz Wilson**'s household, adorableness is taken very seriously. As a border collie, Riley takes work seriously. His primary job is keeping time and issuing reminders. Without Riley's nudges, it's doubtful that any class preparation would get done or any research project would be completed.

At-a-Glance Calendar Dates

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