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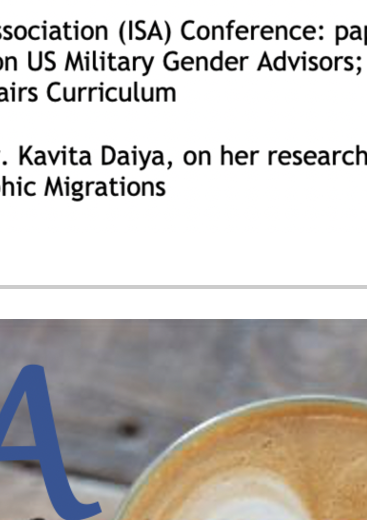


Welcome back GW for the Spring 2021 Semester!

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GENDER, PEACE & SECURITY SPRING 2021 KICKOFF



GEIA is proud to launch a new speaker series on Gender, Peace & Security!

Take a look at some upcoming events for the Spring Semester we will be shortly circulating the RSVP details:

February 2021

- GEIA Index Launch
- Upcoming Administration's Transition Team Panel Discussion on Women, Peace, and Security
- Book Discussion with Dr. Aisling Swaine on her research about conflict related sexual violence titled: 'Conflict Related Violence against Women: Transforming Transition'

March 2021

- Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Student Consortium International Women's Day Launch Event
- GEIA & MAIA Careers Event
- 2 GW Panels at the UN Commission on the Status of Women
 - WPS Student Consortium
 - When Extremism is Profitable: gendered disinformation & women's leadership

April 2021

- International Studies Association (ISA) Conference: papers and roundtables presented by Dr. Shirley Graham on US Military Gender Advisors; and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the International Affairs Curriculum
- Book Discussion with Dr. Kavita Dahiya, on her research on migration and gender in South Asia, titled: 'Graphic Migrations'



GEIA is excited to bring back [GEIA Virtual Coffee Hours](#) for the Spring 2021 semester! Casual happy hours to come together virtually, touch base on how we are all doing, and discuss gender related issues. Themes will range from feminist foreign policy, sexual awareness in education, machismo culture in Latin America, and the impacts of COVID-19 on gender and development to name a few.

We look forward to connecting with you in a relaxed setting, to engage with each other through our common goals and interests! If you, or a group of individuals would like to lead a [GEIA Virtual Coffee Hour](#), please share your ideas with geia@email.gwu.edu. We look forward to collaborations!

Upcoming GEIA Virtual Coffee Hour:

Let's Talk Politics!

Thursday January 21st, 2021

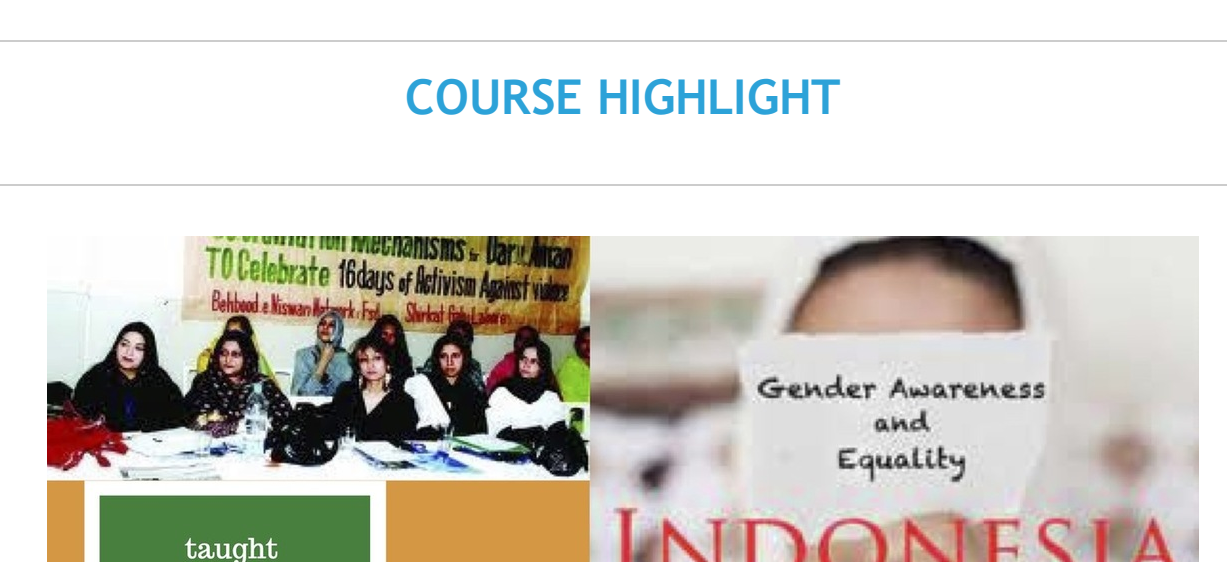
12pm - 1pm

Come together to discuss what has been a turbulent election period. Bring your thoughts and discussions to the table and explore what the new administration might mean for gender equality. We will reflect on 2020, as well as highlight the top priorities for the U.S. on gender policy in 2021.

Speakers will include GEIA Director [Professor Shirley Graham](#), Gender and Security [Professor Michael Brown](#), and [Women, Peace and Security Student Consortium](#) members Nicholas Zuroski and Noelle Cohn.

[Register Here](#)

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY MEMO COMPETITION



The Elliott School's [Council on Diversity and Inclusion](#) is hosting a policy memo competition for undergraduate and graduate students! We would like to invite students to identify areas for improvement in terms of diversity, equity, and inclusion in International Affairs at Elliott.

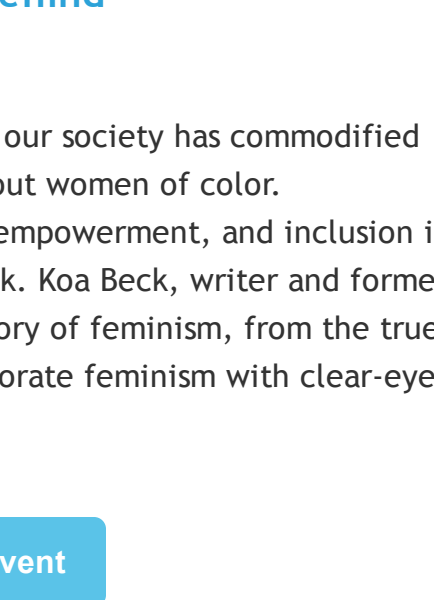
The memo should provide feedback on aspects of the Elliott School program or discipline needing diversity or reflecting bias. For example, the memo can propose new scholarship and studies in the program. The memo could also provide feedback on the structure of degree programs. The format should be a one-page policy memo format including the problem, background/analysis, policy options, and recommendations. Originality of policy recommendations and implementation will be valued highly. The top finalists will be invited as panelists to discuss these issues in a student/faculty event subsequently. The deadline for submission will be Wednesday February 10, 2021.

Winners for the best memo for the undergraduate category and the graduate category will each be awarded \$250.

[Click here for more details!](#)

STUDENT BLOG SPOTLIGHT

[Nina Plateroti](#) is a freshman at the George Washington University in the Elliott School of International Affairs. She is working towards a double major in international affairs and political science, with a minor in women, gender and sexuality studies. She is a Freshman Representative for GW Leading Women of Tomorrow and serves as Secretary to her local League of Women Voters.



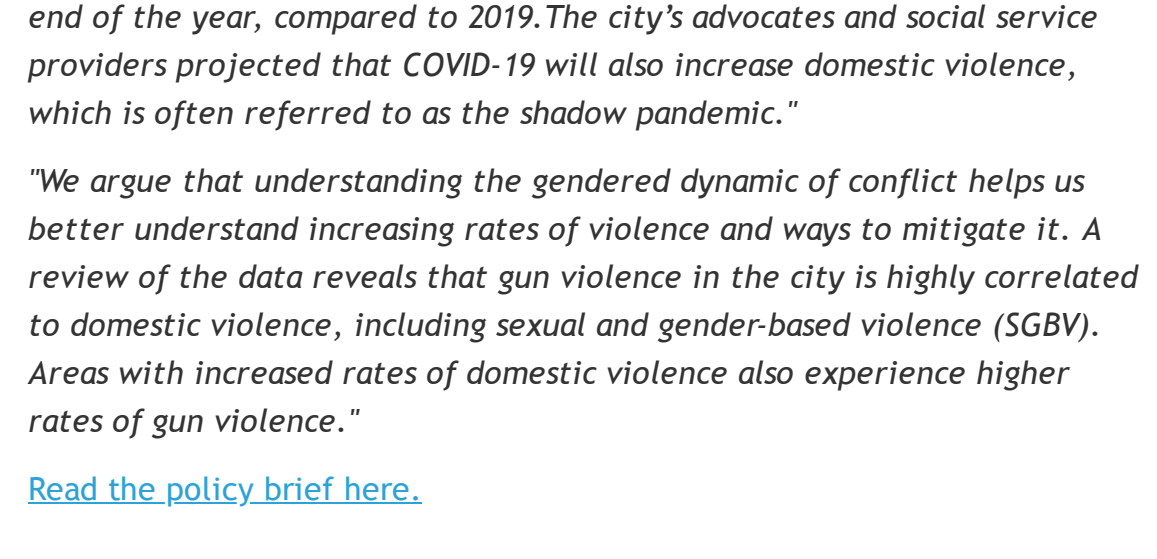
In her blog post, Nina reviews the book launch of "The Gender and Security Agenda: Strategies for the 21st Century", hosted by GEIA Director [Dr. Shirley Graham](#).

"This book examines the gender dimensions of a wide array of national and international security challenges, exploring gender dynamics in ten issue areas in both the traditional and human security sub-fields. These examinations show how gender affects security and how security problems affect gender issues."

"As an undergraduate student committed to dedicating my career to the advancement of women's rights, this conversation introduced me to nuances within the Women, Peace and Security agenda that I had not previously considered and left me with a deeper understanding of the real structural changes that are needed to make progress in the realm of gender and security."

[Read more from Nina's blog post here!](#)

COURSE HIGHLIGHT



taught by Professor Kelly Pemberton Spring 2021

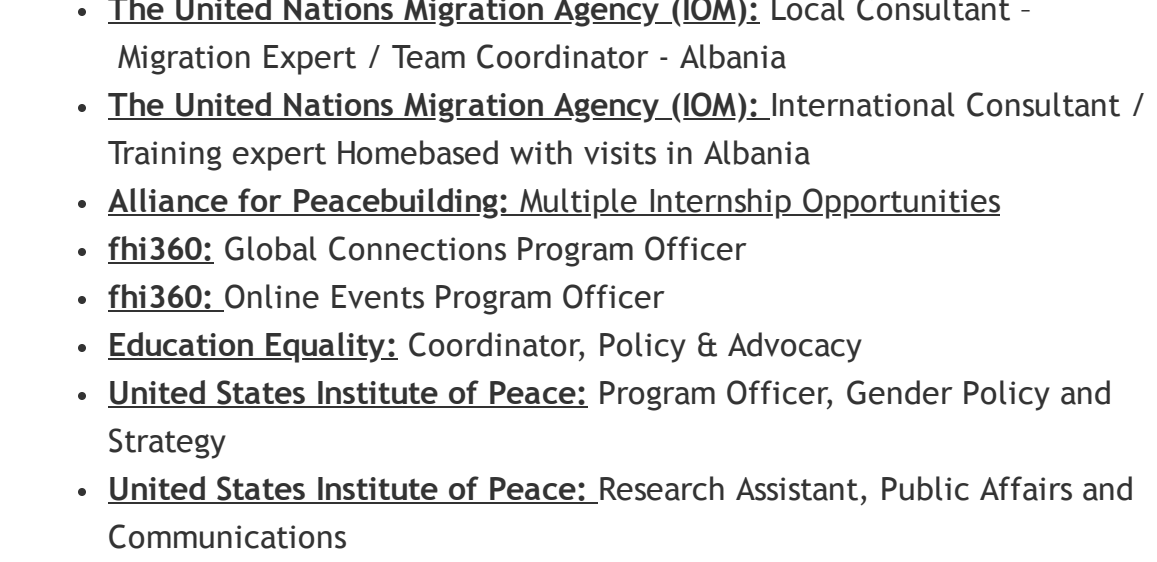
GENDER AND ISLAMIC ACTIVISM

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meets Wednesday, 12:45-3:15

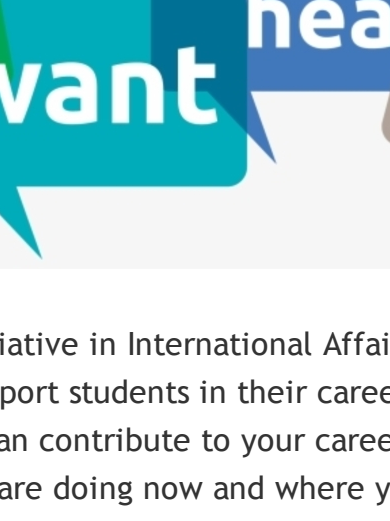
This multidisciplinary course looks through the lens of Social Movement Theory to evaluate the meanings and manifestations of Islamic activism in global context. We highlight regional variations of gender-based Islamic activism to determine its broad characteristics and evaluate particular cases of Islamic social movements in six countries, arranged thematically: Bangladesh (NGOs & Development); Egypt (Feminism and Political Mobilization); Indonesia (Grassroots Activism); Morocco (Legal Reform), Kuwait (Women and Corporate Social Responsibility/CSR), and Turkey (Socio-political Mobilization). This seminar course is open to upper-level undergraduates and graduate students with previous study or knowledge of Islam and/or Muslim-majority societies.

Sample syllabus available at kellypemberton.com/classes



[Read Sample Syllabus](#)

JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Koa Beck – White Feminism: From the Suffragettes to Influencers and Who They Leave Behind

Monday, January 11, 2021 - 6 p.m. EST

A timely and impassioned exploration of how our society has commodified feminism and continues to systematically shut out women of color. Join the important conversation about race, empowerment, and inclusion in the United States with this powerful new book. Koa Beck, writer and former editor-in-chief of Jezebel, examines the history of feminism, from the true mission of the suffragettes to the rise of corporate feminism with clear-eyed scrutiny and meticulous detail.

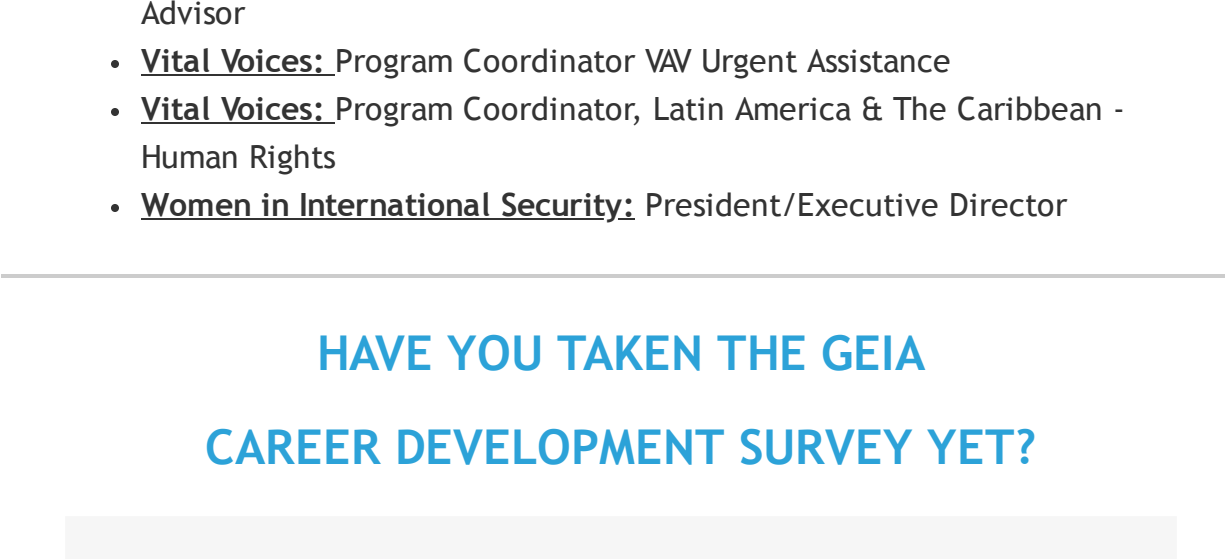
[Register for the Event](#)



[It's On Us Virtual Series: Engaging Men in the Movement to Combat Sexual Assault](#)

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 2pm EST
Fireside Chat with Tony West from Uber: Bringing Men into the Movement of Sexual Assault Prevention
[Register Here!](#)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2pm EST
It's On Us At-Large Advisor Panel: SUPPORTING Male Survivors moderated by Zeke Thomas
[Register Here!](#)



The Gendered Dynamics of Gun Violence in Chicago

By Katelyn Jones and Julia Whiting

"In October 2020, Chicago was headed toward an increase of at least 51 percent in the murder rate and a 52 percent increase in shootings by the end of the year, compared to 2019. The city's advocates and social service providers projected that COVID-19 will also increase domestic violence, which is often referred to as the shadow pandemic."

"We argue that understanding the gendered dynamic of conflict helps us better understand increasing rates of violence and ways to mitigate it. A review of the data reveals that gun violence in the city is highly correlated to domestic violence, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Areas with increased rates of domestic violence also experience higher rates of gun violence."

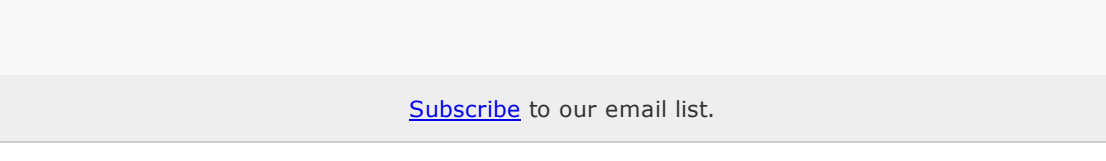
[Read the policy brief here.](#)

Are you beginning a new job, fellowship, or other exciting opportunity? We want to celebrate your achievement! Send a photo and short description of your new role to geia@email.gwu.edu and we'll feature you in an upcoming GEIA bulletin.

Job Openings:

- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): Communication Expert on Communication Strategy of SMD - Albania (mostly remote-based)
- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): Local Consultant - Migration Expert / Team Coordinator - Albania
- [The United Nations Migration Agency \(IOM\)](#): International Consultant / Training expert Homebased with visits in Albania
- [Alliance for Peacebuilding: Multiple Internship Opportunities](#)
- [fhi360](#): Global Connections Program Officer
- [fhi360](#): Online Events Program Officer
- [Education Equality](#): Coordinator, Policy & Advocacy
- [United States Institute of Peace](#): Program Officer, Gender Policy and Strategy
- [United States Institute of Peace](#): Research Assistant, Public Affairs and Communications
- [International Foundation for Electoral Systems](#): Senior Global Gender Advisor
- [Vital Voices](#): Program Coordinator VAV Urgent Assistance
- [Vital Voices](#): Program Coordinator, Latin America & The Caribbean - Human Rights
- [Women in International Security](#): President/Executive Director

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE GEIA CAREER DEVELOPMENT SURVEY YET?



The Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs is interested in knowing how to best support students in their career goals. We want to know how our services can contribute to your career success by understanding what you are doing now and where you want to grow professionally.

Alumnae/Alumni participating in this survey will be eligible to win a free audited [Professional Skills course](#) on Gender Equality at the Elliott School. We would greatly appreciate your participation in this [short 3 minute](#) survey and hear your feedback.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Global Women's Institute

The Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University launched in the Fall of 2012 as a university-wide measure to advance gender equality through various initiatives such as interdisciplinary research, education, policy and outreach.

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