



Atlanta Global Studies Center



April 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Atlanta Global Studies Center Newsletter

We look forward to "seeing" you at our events and partnering with you through our various initiatives! Learn more about the exciting ways we are empowering the Atlanta region's global agenda on the [AGSC website!](#)

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"A Higher Education Hub Empowering
the Region's Global Agenda"



News & Announcements

The AGSC has some exciting updates and announcements!
Check out some of the latest news and new opportunities.

Projects in Luso-Brazilian Studies - Call for Proposals | Academic Year 2020-2021



The [Atlanta Global Studies Center](#) and the Georgia State University [Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies](#) seek proposals from teachers and faculty to develop projects in Lusophone / Luso-Brazilian Studies that introduce students to Lusophone languages and cultures and connect

students to enriching learning experiences, study abroad, internship, and/or career opportunities.

Proposals should describe projects that will result in engaging experiences for students, online content, reproducible teaching and classroom materials, and/or assessment tools.

A total of two awards up to \$2000 each will be granted. [More information.](#)

Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC) Call for Proposals



AGSC is delighted to announce the [AGREC Academic Year 2021-22 Call for Proposals](#) and to welcome KSU to the Collaborative this year ([see the news release](#)).

Housed within the [Atlanta Global Studies Center \(AGSC\)](#), AGREC is comprised of six universities:

- AGSC, a partnership of Georgia Tech and Georgia State University
- Emory University's Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives
- Agnes Scott College's SUMMIT Center for Global Learning and Leadership Development
- Spelman College's Gordon Zeto Center for Global Education
- Kennesaw State University

AGREC seeks to build and strengthen collaborative networks of multi-institutional scholars and practitioners to support global research and education initiatives in the Greater Atlanta region.

AGREC Call for proposals: Connecting globally while grounded at home (2021-2022)

Due: July 1, 2021

AGREC invites scholars to submit collaborative projects across disciplines, institutions, and universities that address a need in our global and local communities. This call aims to address topics with a global connection while being grounded locally. Scholars and practitioners may examine a local and global problem in the form of research, workshop, forum, or suggest another approach by collaborating with an organization in Atlanta or a population group that has a global dimension.

Preference will be given to innovative, transformative collaborative research and education projects in global engagement with significant emphasis on their potential to develop new and strategic sustainable relationships among partners (e.g. universities, companies, NGOs, community organizations) and their impact on Atlanta communities.

[Call for Proposals \[PDF\]](#) | [Online Application](#)

[View funded projects during AY 2020-21 cycle](#)

Virtual Info Session:

Tue. April 6 | 9:00-10:00 am | <https://bluejeans.com/58258876>

Sustainability Student Champion Award

Due: April 9

The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), in collaboration with our campus partners, is delighted to co-sponsor the "[Sustainability Student Champion Award](#)," a new and exciting initiative of the [Office of Campus Sustainability](#).



Sustainability Next Awards

The Award recognizes a student who demonstrates sustainability leadership with a lasting impact on campus culture and institutional sustainability progress. A Sustainability Student Champion leads by example through inspiration, action, and achievement of sustainability goals. Nominations and self-nominations are due April 9th.

The winner will receive the following recognition as a contribution of their sustainability leadership:

- \$500
- Recognition by executive leadership at an Earth Week Celebration event on Monday, April 19th
- Achievements posted on OCS's website, social media and campus newsletters

[Learn More](#)

Let Us Advertise Your Event!

We would love to help you publicize your event on our AGSC Monthly Newsletter. If you have an upcoming event that would interest and benefit the AGSC community please fill out the form below!

[Partner Event Submission Form](#)

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar, exciting events are happening at the Atlanta Global Studies Center in the next few weeks!



Race Beyond Borders

Explore where Atlanta intersects with the global conversation on race for concrete action.

Race Beyond Borders presents
Roundtable Discussion: "Student Views on Inclusion in the Global Workplace"
Friday, April 16 | 12:00-1:00 pm
[Register Here](#)

With Atlanta's growth as a global business hub, corporate initiatives on diversity, equity and social justice are intersecting in new ways with their mandate to cultivate a culturally competent workforce.

A new sense of urgency seems to have gripped the business community with the racial reckoning after George Floyd's death and the inequities spotlighted by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

As one of the most concentrated higher education hubs in the U.S., Atlanta is graduating thousands of increasingly diverse future workers who demand bold action on these crucial

issues. And with a worker shortage already taking hold in some sectors, how well companies can meet students' demands for meaningful social action in their workplace will become a competitiveness issue.

Are companies ready for this new recruitment reality? Are students empowered to make their voices heard? Or does a diversity divide persist?

Join us for a lively, honest conversation with Atlanta-area students.

More speakers to be confirmed!



**Fana Ruth
HaileSelassie**

President, Student Government Association, International Studies major & graduating senior, Spelman College

Nneka Jones

Political Science major & junior; 2021 Truman Scholarship finalist, Agnes Scott College

Mark Lannaman

Broadcast Journalism major & graduating senior, Georgia State University; Fellow, "Every Learner Everywhere"; Associate Producer for "Crucial Conversations", "African American Male Initiative" at GSU

Taos Wynn

Social Advocate Author Speaker

Peter Roberts

Professor of Organization & Management; Academic Director of Specialty Coffee Programs at The Roberto C. Goizueta Business & Society Institute

Moderator:

Trevor Williams
Managing Editor
Global Atlanta

Learn more about the [event and Race Beyond Borders initiative here](#).



**A
Vision
of
Global
Resilience**

guided by the
UN Sustainable
Development Goals

The Second Annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium

April 20-23, 2021

Elizabeth F. Cohen



Author of Illegal: How America's Lawless Immigration Regime Threatens Us All

Tuesday, April 20
5:30-6:30 pm

Sheila S. Walker



Celebrating the Global African Diaspora

Friday, April 23
3:30-5:00 pm



View complete program here.

More information:
AGSC@gsu.edu





Atlanta Global Studies Center



Annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium

"A Vision of Global Resilience Guided by the UN SDGs"
April 20-23, 2021 (Online)

The annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium addresses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and brings together educators, researchers, corporate, civic, and community partners, graduate students, and undergraduate students to discuss topics of global and local significance and to foster interdisciplinary collaboration across universities. Atlanta Global Studies Center is a consortium of Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University and works closely with units at Emory University, Spelman College,

The 2021 Atlanta Global Studies Symposium will connect audiences to experts on various topics, including social justice, global health, [Race Beyond Borders](#), international education, diplomacy, peace education, and building university-community-based organization partnership for SDGs among others. The goals of the Symposium are to explore the lessons the past year has taught us about global interdependence, to celebrate our individual and collective resilience, and to support each other and the communities we serve through interdisciplinary collaboration.

This event would not be possible without our civic, community, and private sector partners in the region and beyond, including Global Atlanta, RCE Greater Atlanta, and the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of International Affairs.

[The detailed event schedule can be found here](#)

Program details with virtual meeting links will be sent to your email when you register

[Register for the Symposium Here](#)

Annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium Program Highlights

Tuesday, April 20 | 10:30-12:00pm

Decolonizing Global Health Series Event with [Emory Global Health Institute](#) and [Race Beyond Borders](#)

- [Osama Tanous](#), MD, MPH, 2020 Fulbright Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
- [Eugene Richardson](#), MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Co-chair, Lancet Commission on Reparations and Redistributive Justice
- Kelly Callahan, MPH, Director, Trachoma Control Program, The Carter Center
- Moderator: [Dr. Jennie Ward-Robinson](#), Director of Operations and Outreach, Center for Studies on Africa and its Diaspora, Georgia State University

Decolonizing Global Health Series

Session 5: "Disrupting and Rebuilding Global Healthcare Systems"

April 20, 2021
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Learn more and register: <http://bit.ly/DecolonizingGHSeries>

Breakout rooms facilitated by Emory and GSU faculty and graduate students.



Tuesday, April 20 | 5:30-6:30pm

Keynote [Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen](#)
[Illegal: How America's Lawless Immigration Regime Threatens Us All](#)

US immigration enforcement agencies routinely stalk the undocumented, terrorize legal immigrants and mixed-status families, and even trespass on the constitutional rights of citizens. Elizabeth F. Cohen will narrate the country's descent into anti-immigrant panic, tracing the origins of our obsession with illegality to the country's first comprehensive immigration restriction law. She will speak about how past legislation can help us confront this crisis of corruption and abuse and what to expect from the new

Wednesday, April 21 | 4-5:30pm

USAID Opportunities for Faculty and Graduate Student Researchers under the Research Technical Assistance Center



- Sutherland Miller III, Project Director, NORC at the University of Chicago; USAID Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)
- Gabriela Alcaraz, Research Director, USAID Research and Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)

Wednesday, April 21 | 10:30 - 11:30am

Celebrating Atlanta's Global Youth Professionals: Global Talent for a Global City

Presented by the [Atlanta Mayor's Office of International Affairs](#) and the [Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research \(GAcGEAR\)](#).



Talk to a panel of Metro Atlanta students and alumni who are working or have worked in global-oriented internships and positions. Learn how they landed internships and what they discovered along the way. Hear about the challenges and rewards of working in a globally connected environment and find out where these panelists are going next!

- Justice Victoria Frederick, Spelman College, Intern at the Webster University AIMS Program (Athens, Greece)
- Marquis Daly, B.A. in Psychology, Georgia State University, Class of 2020, Intern at the Japan-America Society of Georgia
- Neta Kanny, M.S. in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies, Georgia Tech, Class of 2020
- Interns from the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of International Affairs

Wednesday, April 21 | 1:00 - 2:30pm

Presented by the [RCE Greater Atlanta's Higher Education Learning Community](#).



Building Partnerships for SDGs:

Academics and Nonprofit Organizations Reflect on Collaboration Opportunities and Challenges

This session aims to expand understanding of university-community-based organization (CBO) partnerships in Atlanta and beyond related to the UN SDGs, provide opportunities, strengthen partnership networks locally, nationally, globally, and help clarify and confront the challenges associated with university-CBO partnerships. Envision new and creative ways of addressing these challenges and growing CBO-university partnerships.

- Eboni Preston, Director of Operations, [Greening Youth Foundation](#)
- Judy Yi, Director of Outreach and Marketing, [Trees Atlanta](#)
- Deborah Scott, Executive Director, [Georgia Stand-Up](#)
- Jongdae Kim, Executive Director, [Re'Generation](#)
- [Michael Elliott](#), Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning and Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology; Representative of the [Mahila Housing Project](#)
- Response from Henry Sanoff, Emeritus Professor of Architecture, North Carolina State University
- Moderator: Mine Hashas-Degertekin, Associate Professor of Architecture, Kennesaw State University

April 22 | 10:30-12 pm

Taking the Next Step in Advancing Atlanta Peace Education, Research Collaborations, and Careers of the Future

Presented as part of the [Atlanta Peace Education and Research Initiative](#), this roundtable will chart the next steps for concrete collaboration around innovative curricula, research collaboration, and public-private sector partnerships that address SDG-16 "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions."



- Michael Best, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and the School of Interactive Computing; Director of Research at Georgia Tech – Shenzhen
- Renee Bricker, Professor of History, University of North Georgia
- Christine S. Cozzens, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College; Charles A. Dana Professor of English, Agnes Scott College
- Yi Deng, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of North Georgia
- Robbie Lieberman, Coordinator of Peace Studies and Professor of American Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Kennesaw State University
- Michael Proulx, Associate Professor Ancient Mediterranean World, Department of History, Anthropology, & Philosophy, University of North Georgia
- Moderator: Anna Stenport, Professor of Global Studies, Chair of the School of Modern Languages; Founding Co-Director of the Atlanta Global Studies Center, Georgia Tech

Thursday, April 22nd, 1-2:30pm

Achieving UN SDGs for Ethnolinguistic Populations in and from Burma/Myanmar

- Dr. Kyle Anderson, Senior Director of Global Engagement, Clemson University
- Eh Nay Thaw, Advocacy Coordinator for the Karen Organization of America
- Ayub Mohammed, [Burmese Rohingya Community of Georgia](#)
- Dr. Wakar Uddin, Founding Chairman of Burmese Rohingya Association of North America and Professor, Pennsylvania State University
- Moderator: Myra Dahgaypaw, Managing Director, [U.S. Campaign for Burma](#)



Friday, April 23rd

10:30-12pm The Future of Global Diplomacy around the World in the Biden Era - Part 1

- Consul of Greece in Atlanta, Theodoros Dimopoulos
- Consul General of Brazil in Atlanta, Carlos Henrique Moojen de Abreu e Silva
- Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the U.N., Louise Blais
- Moderator: [Dr. Anthony Lemieux](#)



1-2:30pm The Future of Global Diplomacy around the World in the Biden Era - Part 2

- [Dr. Allen Fromherz](#), Director, GSU Middle East Studies Center
- [Dr. Louis Ruprecht](#), Director, GSU Center for Hellenic Studies
- [Dr. Ryan Carlin](#), Director, GSU Center for Human Rights and Democracy
- [Dr. Leslie Marsh](#), Director, GSU Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies

Race Beyond Borders Keynote Address

Sheila S Walker, PhD, cultural anthropologist and documentary filmmaker, has done fieldwork, lectured, and participated in intellectual and cultural events in most of Africa and the Global African Diaspora. Her goal is now to educate the public about the Global African Diaspora. Her most recent documentary, [Familiar Faces/Unexpected Places: A Global African Diaspora](#), was shown at the United Nations as the 2018 Black History Month program for the UN International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024, and was sent for showings at UN Information Centers in the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe.

**AGSC Collaboratorium Series****Promoting Peace through Education and Research****Thurs. April 8 | 9:30-11:00am EST**[Register Here](#)

Free and Open to Public

[Flyer](#) | [Speaker Bios](#)

Presented as part of the [Atlanta Peace Education project](#).

Join us for a conversation with scholars from the Kennesaw State University (KSU) on innovative curricula and emerging research agendas in 21st-century peace studies!

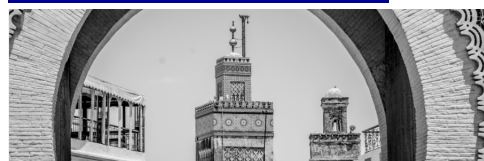
- Dr. Joseph Bock, Director, School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development
- Dr. Ziaul Haque, Limited-Term Assistant Professor of Peace Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies Department
- Dr. Robbie Lieberman, Coordinator of Peace Studies and Professor of American Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Ms. Cathia Moon, Ph.D. student in International Conflict Management

"Unmasking Masks"**Fri., April 16 | 8 am - 4:45 pm EST**[More info & Tickets](#)**GSU Perimeter College Culture Fest****April 5 - 9, 2021**

Join our annual event at the Dunwoody Campus celebrating global cultures, places, experiences, and interests. This year the event will take place online. Students can learn about, share, and respond to posts on Global Cultures, World Cinema, and International Music.

[Perimeter students may sign up here.](#)

Please email [Eric Kendrick](#) if you are a student, faculty member, or student club outside GSU who would like to register for this event.

The State of the Middle East

2021 GSU Middle East Studies Center Seminar

Thurs. April 15 | 11:00am EST



Unmasking Masks is a one-day live stream event that brings together artists, curators, anthropologists, and researchers from across the Southern U.S., France, and Mexico to explore the varied aspects of masks and their unsettling contemporariness.

This event is presented by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in Atlanta, Duke University, Georgia Tech, and Vanderbilt University with support from the Institut Français, the Beaux-Arts Nantes Saint-Nazaire (France), Les Maîtres d'Art (France), Descripto-Université Polytechnique Hauts-de France, the Atlanta Global Studies Center – Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta), the High Museum of Arts – Atlanta, Centro de Estudios Mexicanos y Centroamericanos – CEMCA (Mexico).

#SMARTer Together Series



This series, co-sponsored by the AGSC, aims to challenge us beyond the immediate crisis and onto a newer state where we have another chance to build strong community-research partnerships for good.

Thurs. April 8 | 12:00pm
The Next Stage of Autonomous Vehicles
[Register Here](#)

Join us for this #SMARTer Together webinar session where we delve into the Next Stage of Autonomous Vehicles. Georgia Tech Professor Patricia L. Mokhtarian will discuss her research: "How, and for whom, will activity patterns be modified by self-driving cars? Expectations for the state of Georgia. Also joining the discussion will be Michael Kronzer, CAV-X Senior Project Manager and Head of Strategic Partnerships for the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Joseph Holmes, Director of Sales for EasyMileSales, a driverless vehicle solutions provider.

Thurs. April 29 | 12:00pm
Building Climate Resiliency
[Register Here](#)

Business

Michael Herb, GSU Political Science

Ian Campbell, GSU World Languages and Cultures

Rashid Naim, GSU Political Science

Jack Williams, GSU College of Law

[Register Here](#)

Partnership for Global Workforce Development - University of the Azores & Georgia State University



The University of the Azores (Portugal) and Georgia State University's Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions and School of Public Health will discuss community health perspectives in pediatric nursing and explore the intersections between public health and community nursing in the international and state of Georgia context.

Fri. April 16 | 10:00am EST, 2:00pm GMT-1

[Register Here](#)

Hosted by Georgia State University's Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, School of Public Health and the University of the Azores (Portugal) in collaboration with the Atlanta Global Studies Center.

Virtual Exchange Call for Proposals



Due Fri. April 16

The GSU Office of International Initiatives (OII) and Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC) seek proposals from Georgia State faculty to integrate Virtual Exchange activities into classes taught during the 2021 fall semester.

[More Information Here](#)

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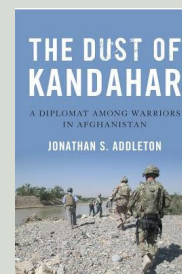


March 2021 Events & Initiatives Recap

The Atlanta Global Studies Center has been busy!
Here are some of the exciting events from last month.

Authors Amplified Series Jonathan Addleton, "Dust of Kandahar" March 24

Thanks for joining us for the Authors Amplified interview with Ambassador Jonathan Addleton. Those of you who tuned in know how much of a treat it is to hear his story and learn about his extraordinary life, from Pakistan to Macon to Mongolia and beyond. If you missed the event, you can [watch the full recording here](#).



Atlanta Peace Education Initiative



The New Field of Peace Engineering: Educational Opportunities & Research Themes

Thanks for joining us for the spring kick-off event of the [Atlanta Peace Education project](#) webinar series on Peace Engineering with General Phil Breedlove and Joseph Hughes on March 2nd. If you missed this fascinating conversation, you can view the event recording [here](#).

Taiwan: Innovation, Investment and the Future of U.S. Trade in Asia



AGSC collaborated with Global Atlanta to present this special event. If you missed the conversation, please find the [recording](#)



GSU Global Career Series



Over 250 students from universities in Atlanta and beyond participated in the Georgia State University Global Career Series from February 12th to March 25th!

Representatives from the Peace Corps, Carter Center, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. AID, CARE International, Seso, Inc., and the Pickering Foreign Affairs Program spoke to students about global career skills, the benefits of learning a foreign language, internships, fellowships, and various global career opportunities.

The series was sponsored by the [Atlanta Global Studies Center](#) and the [Center for Urban Language Teaching and Research](#).

Dunwoody Great Decisions Lecture Series



Thank you for joining us for the series that ran from Feb 4-Mar 25 and offered eight lectures on Global Supply Chains, Persian Gulf Security, Brexit, the Arctic, China's Role in Africa, the Korean Peninsula, Global Pandemic, and Globalization, and were presented by Georgia Tech and GSU faculty experts. Each lecture reached to close to 200 people! This largest discussion program on world affairs and non-partisan citizen education effort of its kind in the U.S. has provided quality information and tools for over fifty years! The series was presented by the [AGSC](#), in partnership with the [Georgia Council for International Visitors \(GCIV\)](#), which serves as the statewide coordinator for the [Foreign Policy Association's \(FPA\) Great Decisions program](#).

Dialogues on Sexual and Gender Diversity

Thurs. April 1 | 12:00-1:30pm

DIALOGUES ON SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY

featuring

COMMUNITY PANEL on APRIL 1st from NOON - 1:30 p.m.



This webinar explored insights and lessons from transgender or gender non-conforming students and ideas on how to make your courses trans-inclusive.

[More Information](#)

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AGSC Spotlights

Check out some of the incredible students, faculty, and partners affiliated with the Atlanta Global Studies Center

Georgia Tech

FLAS Fellow Alumni Spotlight:

Sean Fahey

Foreign language proficiency is important for me because I think it's an underappreciated skill to possess in an industry where programming languages are more popular than foreign languages. **Foreign language proficiency is useful for firms studying security on the internet, which is by its globalized nature, pretty multilingual.** For example, illicit digital marketplaces and black hat forums where threat actors may congregate often speak languages other than English. Another example can be found in computational linguistics, where foreign language proficiency can help social media firms mine and analyze multilingual user-supplied content on their website to identify illegal or malicious behavior. In addition, cybersecurity is a multinational industry. As a result, different clients in different countries may be shaped by local security concerns. **Consequently, regional studies and time spent abroad can better help cybersecurity professionals develop cross-cultural knowledge relevant to their**



client's unique security concerns.

what impact has the FLAS Fellowship had on you?
FLAS helped make it affordable for me to go abroad and develop my language skills. **It's true what they say – for someone serious about learning their first language, they need to be speaking and thinking in their target language every day to make real progress.** FLAS helped make this a possibility for me. Since returning from Europe, I've continued to study Russian concurrent to my Masters. The language and international experience I developed while abroad provided me the ability to combine technology with a foreign language making me a unique and highly competitive candidate for jobs needing experience in both.

Sean Fahey is a graduate student in Public Policy/Cybersecurity at Georgia tech and studied Russian as a FLAS fellow.

Georgia State University

FLAS Fellow Spotlight:

Susan McPhie

I believe studying a world language is extremely important because of its ability to bring people of different backgrounds together. **The basis of human communication begins with language.** When you can understand that of another, you are also able to better understand parts of their culture and who they are. Globalization relies on this interaction between individuals. Therefore, I think it is one of the best, most helpful skills someone can develop. I also really love people and building close relationships, which knowing Mandarin Chinese has also allowed me to do.



Events hosted by the Atlanta Global Studies Center have helped connect me with various organizations that interest me professionally and taught me what they are looking for in applicants. I was able to network with field experts, and their tips have allowed me to better present myself in future endeavors. For this reason, **the AGSC is extremely important, as it provides knowledge and skills for the global professional development of students.**

What kind of impact has the FLAS Fellowship had on you?

The FLAS fellowship has not only allowed me to afford to continue improving my language skills but has taught me so much through its program initiatives. For example, I was able to meet like-minded professionals who have encouraged me and introduced countless opportunities that I had no idea even existed. My fellow FLAS fellowship students have also been great sources of support and aid.

Susan is currently a third-year at Georgia State, pursuing a biology degree and a Chinese culture and language minor. She hopes to learn more about Eastern medicine through internships and eventually work in the medical and public health fields abroad.

Georgia Tech

Faculty Spotlight:

Amanda Weiss

Meet AGSC affiliated faculty [Dr. Amanda Weiss](#), Assistant Professor of Japanese at Georgia Tech's [School of Modern Languages](#), where she teaches courses on **Japanese media and society**.

We talked to Dr. Weiss about her current research and the Global Media Fest that she directed this year.

What are you currently working on in your research?

I am finishing up an **anthology on "New Asian Fantasy"** with Wesleyan University Press, which I am co-editing with authors Silvia Park and Ploi Pirapokin. This year I will also complete a

Cinema, which examines memory, nationalism, and gender in Chinese and Japanese war movies.

*This year, you have **assumed leadership of the School of Modern Languages' annual Global Media Fest and served as the festival director**. Can you tell us about the themes you've explored this year and give us a sense of the range of countries, languages and topics covered? Was moving the GMF to an online format challenging? What new opportunities this new format offered? What is the significance of GMF on Tech campus and what are your future plans for this exciting program?*

Our 2021 festival focused on SDG #11:

Sustainable Cities and Communities. We were lucky enough to feature films from China, Iran, Germany, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Japan, Israel, Palestine, and France. Moving online was challenging because of barriers to filmmaker-audience interaction and "zoom fatigue," though the new format also allowed us to plan more events and attract new audience members. GMF provides an important global perspective by showing how different societies approach and apply sustainability to their particular cultural and linguistic frameworks. Next year's festival will be centered on SDG #16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. We have received support from the Japan Foundation and hope to do several events with Hiroshima-based scholars and peace institutions.



Can you say a few words about AGCS's contributions to your work (scholarship, outreach activities etc.)?

AGSC is one of the main sponsors of the GMF and we could not have planned this year's festival without your support. I've also really enjoyed AGSC events such as the Race Beyond Borders symposium and the Atlanta Peace Education Initiative event. **It is really helpful to see what kind of inter-university and cross-state initiatives are underway to connect and collaborate.**

We thank Dr. Weiss for taking the time to speak with us and look forward to working with her for many more years to come!

Georgia State University

Faculty Spotlight: **Mourad Dakhli**

[Mourad Dakhli](#), clinical professor of International Business at Georgia State University and this year's winner of GSU's Teaching Innovation Award, is also a Visiting Lecturer at Shanghai Business School and frequently leads pedagogy-focused faculty development programs around the world. **His research centers on the value-generating processes of human and social capital across cultural and institutional settings with implications on learning, innovation, and entrepreneurship.** Active in the scholarship of teaching and learning, he has published and presented on experiential learning in international business, signature experiences through study abroad, modes of delivery effects on learning, and virtual exchange.



The AGSC is incredibly excited to fund Dr. Mourad Dakhli's project, a virtual learning and cross-cultural experience that connects GSU and Tunisian students. This proposal builds on the existing relationship and projects between GSU and ESCA in Casablanca, Morocco, by including students at the Tunis Business School in Tunisia. The activities center on establishing virtual teams that comprise GSU and TBS students who will use the Agorize (www.agorize.com) open innovation challenge platform, to solve real-life problems that require extensive intra-team collaboration, creativity, and innovation. The partnering faculty members from GSU and TBS will collaborate to collect data, pre-and post-activity, and draft a manuscript on the value of cross-

Working in virtual teams with students from a maximally different culture on real company challenges will allow GSU students to build collaborative relationships with colleagues in North Africa. They will also be able to work within a virtual team structure where they will negotiate and manage conflict inherent in diverse teams. Students will also show awareness of diverse perspectives and demonstrate respect for other cultures. In addition, leveraging cutting-edge virtual collaborative technology platforms, students will design creative solutions to innovation challenges, and apply field-related technologies to solve these challenges.

AGSC

Partner Spotlight:

Kennesaw State University



KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

AGSC is proud to have a strong partnership with Kennesaw State University's various units and scholars. We are honored to be working with and grateful for the support of **Dr. Binbin Jiang**, Executive Director of the Division of Global Affairs and Professor of International Education, Leadership & Research at KSU. Recently, KSU joined the [Atlanta Global Education and Research Collaborative \(AGREC\)](#) thanks to Dr. Jiang's efforts. "We are delighted to have joined AGREC, which affords our faculty and their students new opportunities to actively engage in and contribute to globally-related research and education projects through its collaborative networks in the region," said Dr. Binbin Jiang.

AGSC-KSU partnership also includes collaborations in [Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Research and Education](#) with **Dr. Olaf Berwald**, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Professor of German; the [Peace Education Initiative](#) with **Dr. Robbie Lieberman**, Coordinator of Peace Studies and Professor of American Studies in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, and **Dr. Joseph Bock**, Director of the School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development; the [Race Beyond Borders](#) with **Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi**, Director of the Center for African and African Diaspora Studies; and the [RCE Greater Atlanta Higher Education Learning Community](#) with **Pegah Zamani**, Associate Professor in the College of Architecture and Construction Management, and the curator of the annual [Equinox Symposium on UN SDGs](#).

We invite you to explore these extensive collaborations and join us for various events and programs offered as part of these initiatives.

At the AGSC, we are very lucky to be working with global education leaders like Akinyemi, Berwald, Bock Jiang, Lieberman, and Zamani and proud to call them our colleagues and friends. We thank them for all their efforts in advancing international education and for their support for AGSC and our collaborative initiatives!

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Upcoming Partner Events



BREDEN HINDIECK

March 22 - May 31 | 9:00am - 4:00pm

[From Aurich to Atlanta](#), a new bilingual exhibition at the Georgia Tech Library showcases the life and work of Bauhaus-educated designer Hin Bredendieck in both English and his native German. The physical exhibition runs from **March 22 through May 31** in the Georgia Tech Library's exhibit space, located on the first floor of the S. Price Gilbert Memorial Library. The gallery is open from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** every day. Additionally, three virtual events are planned for April.

The events featuring Bredendieck's former students, a conversation between curators of the event, and authors of the book on which the exhibit are based are virtual.

Parking is located at the [North Avenue Area 1 visitor parking lot](#) and [Student Center Area 2 parking lot](#).

Events in Coordination with the Exhibit:

Panel Discussion with Former Students of Hin Bredendieck

Saturday, April 3 | 12:00 EST

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/143801619515>

Curator Conversation: Hin Bredendieck: From Aurich to Atlanta with Rainer Stamm & Kirk Henderson

Thursday, April 8 | 11:00am EST

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/140082978961>

Book Talk: Hin Bredendieck: From Aurich to Atlanta with Gloria Köpnick & Rainer Stamm

Sunday, April 25 | 12:00pm EST

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/140085626881>

This event is hosted by the Georgia Tech Library and the [Landesmuseum Oldenburg](#) (Oldenburg State Museum for Art and Cultural History) with sponsorship from the [Halle Foundation](#). Collaborators include Dr. Jennifer Gerndt, the [Consulate General of Germany](#), and the [Georgia Tech School of Industrial Design](#). Special thanks to the family and former students of Hin Bredendieck for their contributions to this exhibit.

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, International Ambassadors at Georgia Tech (GTIA) is starting a new initiative, the **International Creative Writing Competition!**

International Students will have the opportunity to write poems or short stories about their experiences as international students in America. The top three judged entries will win cash prizes and be shared on both OIE's and GTIA's Instagram accounts!

If you know any international students or teach any classes related to creative writing or culture, please relay this message to them. We would love to hear as many of their stories as possible!

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