



Atlanta Global Studies Center



May 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Atlanta Global Studies Center Newsletter

Thank you for participating in our spring events and initiatives! We'll be taking a break from our monthly newsletter for the summer. Please look for our next issue in August!

We host events all year long. Look for upcoming events throughout the summer sent via email and posted on our website!

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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News & Announcements

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

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.

Last Virtual Info Session:
Wed., June 2, 9-10 am | Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/443815516>



The **Center for Urban Language Teaching and Research (CULTR)** hosts its [6th Annual Global Languages Leadership Meeting](#) on **May 21st** in a virtual format.

The Atlanta Global Studies Center is proud to co-sponsor this networking event which brings together diverse industry leaders from business, non-profit, government, and education to discuss the importance of language learning and cultural competence as essential skills for an emerging global workforce. Seize this opportunity to expand your network across these industries and gain insight into local workforce readiness initiatives. Attend this event to develop new partnerships promoting access to language studies and cultural competence for all learners in the global economy.

CULTR is delighted to feature **Dr. Angela Jackson**, Managing Partner of Future Work at New Profit, as this year’s keynote speaker. Dr. Jackson will give a brief keynote followed by a Q&A session. Read the recent interview in Global Atlanta [here](#).

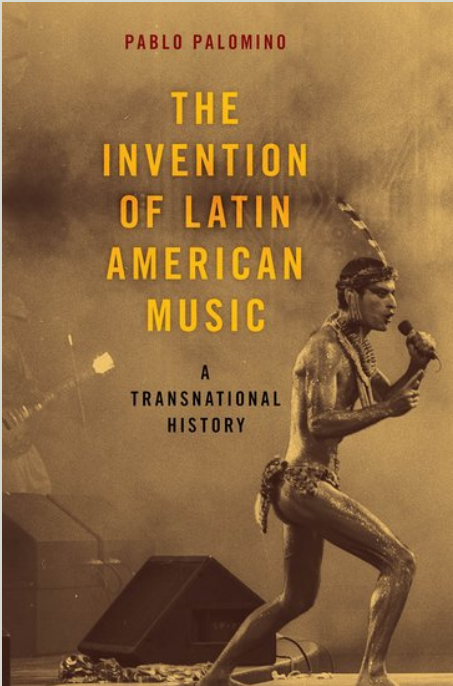
[Register now](#) to gain live stream access to the Keynote address by Dr. Angela Jackson (12:00-1:00PM EST) and be placed on a waiting list for the networking portions of the event (11:30-12:00 & 1:00-1:30).



Global Atlanta’s Authors Amplified series, presented by the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), continues with a virtual interview with **Dr. Pablo Palomino of Emory University** and author of the recently released book *The Invention of Latin American Documentaries*.

About the Authors Amplified Series: Georgia’s deep pool of international experts can be hidden in the ivory towers of academia or overshadowed by national figures. Sought-after thought leaders sometimes shine globally while being less-known

in their own backyard. With Authors Amplified, a monthly series of public book talks, Global Atlanta will interview authoritative local voices in foreign affairs and global business while highlighting the state’s intellectual contributions to important global conversations. Watch previous book talks [here](#).



June 15 | 11 am - 12 pm
Free and open to public
[Register Here](#)

About the book:

The Invention of Latin American Music offers a transnational history of Latin America as a region, it uses a multidisciplinary approach to connect music with society, culture, and politics, and lastly, it challenges the ethnocentric assumptions and preconceptions about Latin America’s unity.

About the author:


Pablo Palomino is a cultural historian with a specialization in modern Latin America and teaches at Emory University’s Oxford College. A native of Argentina and Licenciado from the University of Buenos Aires, he did his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and was also a postdoctoral lecturer at the University of Chicago.

His first book, [The Invention of Latin American Music. A Transnational History](#), was published by Oxford University Press in 2020. His research and teaching include the transnational cultural history of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, as well as the formation of Latin America as a region. Palomino worked at Memoria Abierta, an Argentine alliance of human rights organizations that created Latin America’s first Oral History Archive on state terrorism and political violence. His articles deal with the cultural history of music, Pan-Americanism, the Jewish diaspora in Latin America, modernist press in Argentina, and the critique of the concept of “Global South.” He is currently working on two global histories: the cultural history of Argentine meat, and the history of “Latin America” as a conceptual and institutional category.



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April 2021

Events & Initiatives Recap

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

Atlanta Global Studies Symposium

April 20-23, 2021

A Vision of Global Resilience

guided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Georgia State University

Office of International Initiatives

Center for Urban Language Teaching & Research

School of Public Health

Asian Studies Center

Center for Human Rights and Democracy

Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies

Center for Studies on Africa and its Diaspora

Hellenic Studies Center

Middle East Studies Center

Georgia Tech's School of Modern Languages

Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research (GAcGEAR)



Annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium
"A Vision of Global Resilience Guided by the UN SDGs"

The 2021 Atlanta Global Studies Symposium "A Vision of Global Resilience Guided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals" was held virtually April 20-23, 2021. The Symposium featured two keynote addresses and 70 speakers in 17 different sessions over four days.

The event featured keynote speakers Elizabeth F. Cohen, author of *"Illegal,"* and documentary filmmaker Sheila S. Walker on Celebrating the Global African Diaspora. Other topics included global race, diversity and social justice, immigration, global health, international education, diplomacy, peace education, global research opportunities with USAID, and building university-community-based organization partnerships for SDGs, among others. Special guest speakers included dignitaries from Canada, Brazil, and Greece. K16 sessions focused on the integration of virtual exchange and global sustainability/SDGs into foreign languages and global studies classrooms.

For the first time this year, the Symposium hosted the International Skills Diploma Seal

educators and students, as well as university faculty and students from around Atlanta and the nation. Session attendance totaled 625 participants. 25 Atlanta-area higher education and community partners co-sponsored the Symposium, including the City of Atlanta Mayor’s Office of International Affairs, the Director of which delivered welcome remarks. The Atlanta Global Studies Center is grateful to the thought-provoking speakers and to all the participants and co-sponsors for making the 2021 Atlanta Global Studies Symposium a success!

More information and the official schedule of the 2021 Atlanta Global Studies Symposium can be found [here](#).

If you would like to watch any of the recorded sessions, please visit our [YouTube Channel](#).

Watch Recorded Symposium Sessions



Race Beyond Borders presented
Roundtable Discussion: "Student Views on Inclusion in the Global Workplace" on April 16

Atlanta-area students joined us for a lively and honest conversation on inclusion, diversity, equity, and social justice in the global workplace. Below are some of the distinguished speakers who shared their insight and concerns on questions like, how well are companies meeting student demands for meaningful social action? Are students empowered to make their voices heard in a corporate setting? and does the diversity divide still persists in today's global workforce?

Fana Ruth HaileSelassie	Amy Henry	Nneka Jones	Mark Lannaman	Peter Roberts	Taos Wynn	Trevor Williams
President, Student Government Association; International Studies major & graduating senior, Spelman College	Executive Director of International Education, Georgia Tech	Political Science & Business Management major & junior; Posse Foundation Scholar; Student Associate	Broadcast Journalism major & graduating senior, GSU; Fellow, "Every Learner Everywhere"; Associate Producer for "Crucial Conversations"; "African American Male Initiative", GSU	Professor of Organization & Management; Academic Director of Specialty Coffee Programs at the Roberto C. Goizueta Business & Society Institute, Emory University	Social Advocate Author Speaker	Managing Editor, Global Atlanta
<i>Panelist</i>	<i>Introductory remarks & Panelist</i>	Member of the Board of Trustees; Public Relations Chair of IGNITE chapter, Agnes Scott College	<i>Panelist</i>	<i>Panelist</i>	<i>Panelist</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
		<i>Panelist</i>				

To watch the recorded session and learn more about the Race Beyond Borders initiative [click here](#).

GA Students Share How to Grow into a Global Pro in Video Competition

Three students from three Georgia universities shared their ideas about the importance of global and intercultural experiences in preparing for global careers in the *How to Grow into a Global Pro* video competition. These student winners represent the many students in Georgia who are growing into global professionals and who are ready to bring their fresh ideas, global skills, and rich perspectives to the table!

The *How to Grow into a Global Pro* video competition was made possible by community partners who served as judges and career advisors for the winning students. Winners received one-on-one professional career advising sessions from global pros working in their fields of interest in addition to Visa gift cards!

We congratulate Christiana Stewart, Jason Sodikin, and Ayanna Grant on their incredible journeys and bright futures! We will be following up with them this summer and report back about their journeys in the Fall!



News release can be found [here](#).

The video competition was organized by the [Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research \(GAcGEAR\)](#) and coordinated by the [Atlanta Global Studies Center \(AGSC\)](#).

GAcGEAR brings the education, public, and private sectors together to support global and foreign language education that equips students to think critically, to solve problems, and to contribute to a sustainable future. Global awareness and advanced foreign language skills are critical in every field, including science, technology,

business, healthcare, the arts, and humanities.

Find out more about [The Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research](#)

Congratulations Thiago Esslinger [Sustainability Student Champion Award](#) 2021 Winner

The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), in collaboration with our Georgia Tech campus partners, is delighted to announce the winner of the “[Sustainability Student Champion Award](#),” a new and exciting initiative of the [Georgia Tech Office of Campus Sustainability](#).



Thiago was recognized at an Earth Week Ceremony on April 19th where he received a \$500 award for his contributions to sustainability leadership at Georgia Tech.

Thiago was also the lead host of the student panel on "RCE Youth Breaking Their Silence: Surviving in a Covid-19 World" featured as part of the annual [Atlanta Global Studies Symposium](#) this year.

He has served in leadership roles with the following Georgia Tech organizations and initiatives:

- GT Earth Day Planning Committee
- Students Organizing for Sustainability
- Millennium Fellowship
- Fridays for Future GT (co-founder)
- City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience
- GT Divestment from Fossil Fuels (GT Divest) (founder)
- UN RCE Greater Atlanta Network
- GT Department of Housing & Residence Life

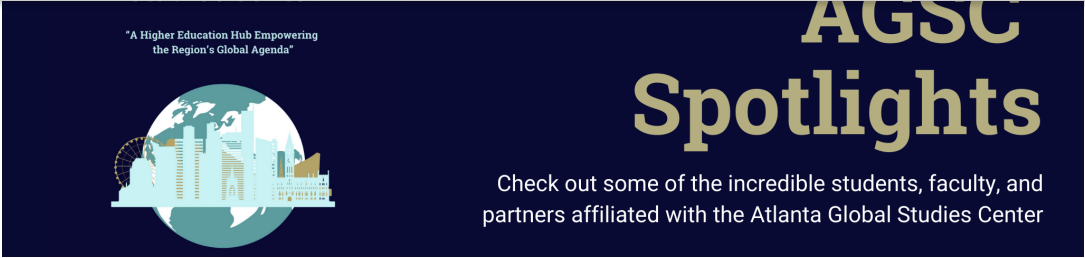
What has been the most rewarding part of being involved in sustainability initiatives on campus?

"One of my favorite things about getting involved in sustainability work is how much my passion for gardening has grown! As a first-year, I was completely unfamiliar with gardening, but getting involved with SOS (Students Organizing for Sustainability), which runs the community garden on campus, I've learned so much and really fallen in love with gardening. If you haven't been by the community garden at Tech or the rooftop garden at the Kendeda Building, you really should stop by!"

What do you hope to leave the incoming leaders of Students Organizing for Sustainability?

"I'm excited to see what the next leadership body will accomplish in SOS after serving as President the last two years. We've achieved so much in the last two years, and I want to see SOS continue to branch out from a focus on just environmental sustainability to initiatives on economic and social sustainability."

Thiago Esslinger is a rising 4th year at Georgia Tech studying biochemistry and earth and atmospheric sciences. Look for his upcoming feature at <https://sustain.gatech.edu/>



Congratulations to our Summer 2021 & AY 2021-22 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellows!

Georgia Tech - Summer 2021

Graduate Fellow

- Yeu-Ann Huang, Global Media & Cultures, Japanese

Undergraduate Fellows

- Teresa Flynn, International Affairs/Modern Languages, Japanese
- Shay Vitale, Aerospace Engineering, Russian

Georgia Tech - AY 2021-22

Graduate Fellows

- Delfina Booth, Global Media and Cultures, Spanish
- Meredith Furbish, International Affairs, Russian
- Eboni Goar, Global Media and Cultures, Japanese
- Mark Lannaman, Global Media and Cultures, Spanish

Undergraduate Fellows

- Benjamin Earl-Moseley, Aerospace Engineering, Chinese
- Yasmeen Herb, International Affairs/Modern Languages, Chinese
- Rachel Hudson, International Affairs/Modern Languages, Korean
- Jade Wurapa, International Affairs/Modern Languages, Korea

Georgia State University - Summer 2021

Graduate Fellows

- Samantha Davis, Political Science, Arabic
- Amelia Phan, Applied Medical Anthropology, French
- Kim-Huong Ruiz, Film, Media & Theatre, Portuguese
- Michael Westberg, Political Science, Russian
- Leslie Whitmire, Modern African History, Swahili
- Mariah Wilson, Applied Behavioral Analysis, Korean

Undergraduate Fellows

- Maleeha Khan, Political Science, Korean
- Iman Mohamed, Political Science, International Relations concentration, Arabic
- Majoie Gerard, Anthropology, Pre-Med concentration, Arabic

Georgia State University - AY 2021-22

Graduate Fellows

- Samantha Davis, Political Science, Arabic
- Brenda Mercado, Political Science, Portuguese
- Kyra Parks, Public Health, Swahili
- Emily Renie Sprinkel, TESOL, Chinese
- Leslie Whitmire, Modern African History, Swahili

Undergraduate Fellows

- Joseph Clark, Asian Studies, Japanese
- Ben Conklin, History, Chinese
- Sandra Flaucher, Applied Linguistics, Korean
- M'Ayesha Jefferson, Business, Finance, and Computer Information Systems, Chinese
- Maleeha Khan, Political Science, Korean
- Susan McPhie, Biological Sciences, Chinese
- Hannah Skiotis, International Economics and Modern Languages, Chinese
- Catherine West, Social Work, Chinese

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