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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 <u>AGSC website!</u>





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Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC) U.S. DoED Title VI National Resource Center 2022-2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for Georgia Tech Faculty Extended Deadline: Monday, November 15, 2021

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The AGSC invites Georgia Tech faculty and units to submit proposals in anticipation of a forthcoming broader institutional call for proposals in late Fall/early Spring from the US Department of

Education Title VI National Resource Center (NRC) international and area studies program.

As part of the AGSC's larger and integrated proposal, the center is interested in funding initiatives from all disciplines that support research, teaching, and outreach activities that contribute to new ways of understanding global issues: the peoples, cultures, and languages as well as international affairs.

The funding period for this grant is expected to be August 15, 2022 - August 14, 2026. In the past cycle, the US DoED has awarded the AGSC \$2.2 million to cover program expenses in support of research, teaching, outreach, and language fellowships and training.

The center may be able to offer multiple seed funding grants to support faculty and unit projects, from small yearly grants to larger multi-year and more complex ones with preference given to the latter. Funding requests should typically not exceed \$10,000 over the four-year cycle of the Department of Education funding period (2022-26).

Proposals must be received by **Monday, November 15, 2021** for full consideration. Project leaders of applications selected for inclusion in the AGSC's Title VI NRC proposal will be notified as soon thereafter as possible. Full funding will be contingent on successful renewal of the AGSC's Title VI NRC grant for the upcoming wore mormation.

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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

Upcoming Events

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

Georgia State University welcomes Nestor Forster, Ambassador of Brazil to the United States



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Thursday, Nov 4 I 3:30-5pm.

Join us for a dialogue with the ambassador that will focus on U.S. Brazil relations as they relate to trade, public health, social and political movements, and the environment. Faculty and students from all disciplines are encouraged to participate. The hybrid event will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person.

The event is free, but guests should register by November 2, 2021.

Register here: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/8bjhFy23RW</u>

Event details will be sent to your email address.

This event is organized by the Atlanta Global Studies Center, GSU's Office of International Initiatives, GSU's Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies, and GSU's Center for Human Rights and Democracy. We thank the Robinson College of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Public Health for their faculty involvement.

*The World Affairs Council of Atlanta is hosting a 6pm reception and conversation with Ambassador Forster at the Commerce Club (191 Peachtree Street NE, 49th Floor, Atlanta, GA). AGSC affiliates are invited to attend. Cost: \$25 for Council Members, \$35 for Non-Members. <u>Register here for the</u> <u>evening reception.</u> (Use discount code WACBRIEFING at checkout to receive member price.)

Atlanta Global Research & Education Collaborative (AGREC)
Project Presentations

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A Choice to Change the World

Georgia Tech Atlanta Global Studies Center GeorgiaSta

Join us to learn about impactful community-engaged research & education projects by multi-institutional and multidisciplinary teams from colleges and universities across the Greater Atlanta region!

Housed within the <u>Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC)</u>, the <u>Atlanta Global Research</u> <u>and Education Collaborative (AGREC)</u> 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.

Schedule [PDF]

Join the Virtual Presentations Here

<u>Wed, November 3 | 11 am - 12pm EST</u> Advancing a Community-Based Participatory Research Model for Metropolitan Regional Immigrant Integration and Receptivity through the One Region Initiative <u>Flyer including abstract [PDF]</u>

Allen Hyde, Assistant Professor, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech
Cathy Liu, Professor and Department Chair, Department of Public Management and Policy, Georgia State University

Fri, November 5 | 11 am - 12 pm EST The Global Communities Internship Program Flyer including abstract [PDF]

- Philip Ojo, Professor of French, Agnes Scott College
- Amber McCorkle, Education and Programs Director, Clarkston Community Center
- Jongdae Kim, Co-Founder and ED, Re'Generation Movement
- Monty Whitney, Director, Bonner Office of Community Service, Morehouse
 College
- Johannes Kleiner, Associate Director, Civic Engagement, Emory University
- Ruthie Yow, Service Learning & Partnerships Specialist, Serve-Learn-Sustain, Georgia Tech

Wed, November 10 | 12 - 1 pm EST

Atlanta-area migrant communities and climate change: characterizing drivers of migration, exposure risks, and health vulnerabilities
<u>Flyer including abstract [PDF]</u>

- Cassandra White, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Georgia State
 University
- Rebecca P. Philipsborn, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory University
- Alexis Nkusi, MD, MPH, CPACS/Cosmo Health Center

Thu, December 2 | 10 - 11 am EST

Savings Lives in the Refugee Community: A Cultural and Linguistic Adaptation of Stop the Bleed

Flyer including abstract [PDF]

- Iris Feinberg, PhD, Georgia State University
- Mary Helen O'Connor, Courtesy Faculty, School of Public Health, Georgia State University; Director, Center for Community Engagement, Perimeter College
- Randi Nicole Smith, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Assistant Professor of Public Health, Emory University; Trauma Surgeon at Grady Memorial Hospital
- Deepika Koganti, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Emory School of Medicine
- Amy Zeidan, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Emory School of Medicine

*The featured projects were funded during AY 20-21.

AGREC has continued to grow this year and is proud to support **9 projects engaging faculty and students from **10** universities/colleges as well as **11** community partners during AY21-22. We look forward to featuring their work next academic year!

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Discover Asia

Faculty & Staff Development Series • Fall 2021 Sponsored by the Perimeter College Asian Studies Program & The Atlanta Global Studies Center



November 8-12, 11am - 2pm

This initiative for faculty and staff integrates experiential learning activities with targeted readings and follow-up reflection as a means to acquaint and educate participants about Asian culture, with the following objectives: (1) understanding and engaging with GSU's significant Asian and Asian American student population; (2) recognizing the cultural and economic impact on the region and state from Asia and Asian American communities; (3) for faculty, integrating Asian content and issues into courses taught, if appropriate. Faculty and staff from Perimeter College and the Atlanta Campus are invited to participate. For more info, contact Eric Kendrick • ekendrick@gsu.edu

Japanese Garden Gibbs Gardens in Cherokee County **Saturday, November 6** <u>Register</u>

Korean Jimjilbang Korean Spa ≬ Food ≬ Cultural Experience Saturday, November 20

Hindu Temple BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Atlanta Saturday, December 4

Click here for more details.

International Education Week

Georgia State Global Career Series

Nov. 8-12 | 1:30-2:30 pm Daily (EST) Learn about different global

organizations each day and talk to representatives about career and internship opportunities. <u>Register here</u>.



Global Career Series (Virtual) November 8-12, 2021

AGSC, together with CULTR, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Career Services, and the Global Studies program, hosts the <u>Global Career Series</u> as part of International Education Week. The Global Career Series features organizations who work globally and others who work on global issues locally. Representatives from agencies such as the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Peace Corps, USAID, CARE International, the Carter Center, and the Japan America Society of Georgia will speak to students about internship and career opportunities and give advice about preparing for and succeeding in a global career. A detailed schedule and speaker profiles are available on the <u>event website</u>. All sessions will take place on Zoom from 1:30-2:30pm EST. <u>Register here.</u>

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GENOCIDE, SURVIVORSHIP, AND RECONCILIATION: A CONVERSATION WITH

Georgia

KIZITO KALIMA Online and In Person | Clough 152 | Wednesday, November 10 | 5 pm - 6:30 pm EST **GUEST SPEAKER KIZITO D. KALIMA** FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTO THE PEACE CENTER FOR FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION MODERATOR **DR. BRIGITTE STEPANOV** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES Atlanta Global Studies Center Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Wednesday, November 10 | 5pm-6:30pm

This is a hybrid event, free and open to all.

In-person: Clough 152. Online: register here.

Please join us for a conversation with Kizito D. Kalima, the Founder and Executive Director of the Peace Center for Forgiveness & Reconciliation, a public speaker, and an advocate for genocide survivors.

The Kalima family was devastated by the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Kizito will speak about his experience as a genocide survivor and how he approaches the process of reconciliation in the aftermath of atrocity. There will be a Q+A session during which attendees are invited to ask questions. The event will be followed by a book signing.

Moderated by Dr. Brigitte Stepanov, Assistant Professor, School of Modern Languages

Presented by Georgia Tech's Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts; School of Modern Languages; School of Literature, Media, and Communication; The Atlanta Global Studies Center (Georgia Tech and Georgia State University); and The Consulate General of France in Atlanta.

When Physics Meets Literature: Fractality in Western Novel



Image: Sequences of sentence lengths (as measured by number of words) in four books, representative of various degrees of cascading character. Photograph: IFJ PAN

Friday November 12 |1-2pm EST **Register Here**

Speakers:

Professor Stanisław Drożdż and Professor Paweł Oswiecimka from the Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Science

Drożdż and Oswiecimka studied 113 novels in English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish, and found that the length of sentences almost always forms fractal patterns. Even James Joyce's Finnegan Wake, one of the most

A truly interdisciplinary research!

The event is co-sponsored by the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), School of Modern Languages, School of Physics, China Research Center, and the linguistics program at Georgia Tech.



Virtual Event Thurs. November 18 | 3-5pm EST

Join a supportive community of GSU faculty interested and engaged in virtual exchange! We will meet at 3pm on Nov. 18, 2021. Meetings run for about 90 minutes to 2 hours. Feel free to join any meeting and come for all or part of it. All are welcome! <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82027968405</u>

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October 2021 Events & Initiatives Recap

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

A Higher Education Hub Empowering the Region's Global Agenda

Atlanta Global Studies Center

Launched in 2020 and housed within the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC). AGREC is currently comprised of six universities:

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

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.

AtlantaGlobalStudies.gatech.edu/AGREC



We kicked off the Atlanta Global Research & Education (AGREC) Project Presentations in October and featured two of the six projects supported during Academic Year 2020-21:

Water quality monitoring network for highly impacted urban headwaters in metro Atlanta

Growing Intercultural Competence for Peace and Mediation: The Case Study Method in the Foreign Language Classroom

Recording of these presentations will be available on AGSC YouTube channel soon!

Visit <u>AGREC website</u> for upcoming presentations and to learn more about this impactful initiative!

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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 Spotlight:

Mark Lannaman

is pursuing his MS in Global Media and Cultures at Georgia Tech with a concentration in Spanish. He received his BA in Journalism with minors in Spanish and Geoscience from GSU.

Why is studying a language important to you? Why do you like studying Spanish?

Studying a language is crucial for me to become not only a domestic journalist, but one that can practice worldwide. Today, the world is more connected than ever and learning a language opens up a whole new world of people to communicate with. Additionally, studying Spanish helps me on a personal front by letting me connect with my roots, and for that reason it's invaluable.



What are your career plans?

I plan to work in a communications space, either as a producer or an international journalist.

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

Although FLAS tangibly gives me funding, what it really gives me is time. Time being the most precious resource of all, I am able to manage my time to succeed without so much pressure on working just so I can afford my studies. I feel blessed to be able to attend such a great institution and meet like-minded individuals, all which would not have been possible for me without the FLAS Fellowship

In addition to your FLAS fellowship, have you engaged in other programs offered through the Atlanta Global Studies Center?

I was fortunate enough to participate in a Race Beyond Borders Panel this past Spring. It was an incredible experience and was gratifying to know that the AGSC truly values student voices, and that our perspectives were able to be shared with so many. I also learned a lot about myself, which is always appreciated.

Learn more about the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) here.

Georgia State University FLAS Fellow Spotlight:

Ben Conklin is a FLAS Fellow pursuing a BA in History and Chinese at Georgia State University. Unfortunately, Ben was unable to accept a summer FLAS award due to travel restrictions to Taiwan. We interviewed Ben about his FLAS Fellowship.

Why is studying a language important to you? Learning a foreign language can be challenging, but it all pays off in the end. Being able to speak and write words once unfamiliar forces you out of your comfort zone. In turn, you start to understand the language patterns and cultural nuances of people living thousands of miles away from you.

Why do you like studying Chinese? Mandarin is a language with a rich history and

culture and a countless number of followers. In

America, however, it is scarcely taught and understood. Both inside and outside the classroom, I stumble across new information about China; understanding its current events continues to pique my interest in language study.

What are your career plans?

As our world becomes more interconnected, history is bound to take on more subject matter. Public history is a way of communicating a diverse past to a broader, global audience. Whether in a museum, education, or government setting, I plan to share the historic value and contributions of various groups, including the Chinese. Furthermore, I hope to document and preserve the architecture, traditions, and languages of people around the world.



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fellowship has helped me easily navigate my options and rely on many resources and contacts.

What advice would you like to give to students interested in applying for a FLAS Fellowship?

For those at all interested in applying for a FLAS Fellowship—do it. It can be intimidating to start an application process without knowing the outcome, but it's worth it because of all that FLAS has to offer. If you're already interested in language study, then the fellowship will only encourage you to do well with all of the resources that it provides. Plus, the option to choose a study abroad program and/or area studies class of your choice is unbeatable.

Learn more about the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) here.

Georgia Tech Faculty Spotlight: Britta Kallin

Meet AGSC affiliated faculty <u>Dr. Britta Kallin</u>, Associate Professor of German Studies; Director of Graduate Studies; and Director of German Program, School of Modern Languages at Georgia Tech

We talked with Dr. Kallin about her current research and graduate programs.

What are you currently working on in your research?

I am currently working on a book manuscript



tentatively titled, "Feminist Adaptations of Fairy Tales in Contemporary German-language Literature." My research analyzes how authors integrate, adapt, and change fairy tale plots and characters in contemporary literature. In particular, my research focuses on gender, race and ethnicity, national identity, and sustainability. I presented one chapter of that manuscript at the German Studies Association conference in October 2021. The title of my talk was: "A Feminist Adaptation of the Grimms' Little Red Cap' and 'The Story of the Youth Who Went Forth to Learn What Fear Was:' Karen Duve's Short Story 'Grrrimm."" In November, I will present another chapter of my manuscript at the Women in German conference with a talk entitled, "Fairy Tales in Felicitas Hoppe's Works: Sieben Schätze, "Wie wünscht man richtig?", and Short Texts." Later this semester, I will deliver a talk about the Austrian Nobel Laureate Elfriede Jelinek: "Materiality, Corporeality, and Mediality: Communicative Strategies in Selected Works by Elfriede Jelinek."

You also serve as the Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Modern Languages. What are some of the exciting trends you see in ML graduate programs? Can you also tell us about future plans?

I started in the position of Director of Graduate Studies in August 2021. Our current cohort of students includes seven students in the ALIS (Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies) program and nine students in the GMC (Global Media and Cultures) program. Most of the students have already selected their advisors and are on their way to identify what they will work on in the coming months. We are thrilled that we will be able to add Korean in fall 2022 as a sixth language in the GMC program. Some graduate students plan to get an internship next summer, while others will work on short documentaries or other projects. Eventually, we would like to expand the GMC program to rising undergraduate students from LMC who plan to intensify their foreign-language studies once they start the program. We may even extend the program for those students who need more time than the current 12-month timeline.

Can you say a few words about AGSC's contributions to your work and the Modern Languages graduate programs?

The work of the AGSC as a vibrant, academic center in Atlanta allows faculty from different disciplines and different institutions to interact with each other; it creates a space and many opportunities for interdisciplinary research and community engagement. As part of a team of researchers from KSU, Agnes Scott and GT, I was able to learn about case studies in the foreign-language classroom and how contemporary political and cultural topics can be turned into case studies to improve intercultural communication skills. The AGREC (Atlanta Global Research & Education Collaborative) was able to fund this research project as part of its collaboration with the AGSC.

The Atlanta Global Studies Center has enabled the active exchange of ideas among faculty members within the School of Modern Languages and beyond during the Collaboratorium. These gatherings developed into conversations where faculty briefly present best practices and get feedback and questions from peers and students. I have presented in that series about my "Sustainability in Germany" class in the German LBAT (Languages for Business and Technology) summer study-abroad program. These casual events allow faculty, students, and postdocs to learn from those who attend these talks and make suggestions how to accelerate, for example, the inclusion of the 17 UN SDGs (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) into the foreign-language curriculum.

We are excited that the AGSC can offer FLAS fellowships to a select group of graduate students that enables those students to focus on their research and completion of the degree without having to work as GRAs or GTAs. The FLAS fellowship is a very competitive fellowship but quite a number of students have been able to make excellent use of the funding for their research projects and plan to use these research findings in future

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The AGGE has played an essential role in connecting faculty, students, researchers, and the greater Atlanta community through workshops, conversations, panel discussions, and the AGSC's Annual Symposium on the SDGs. The AGSC Symposium at the end of the spring semester has allowed faculty to showcase their research and present their curricular ideas and implementation of sustainability education to the wider public. The RCE HELC (Regional Center of Expertise, Higher Education Learning Committee) connects faculty from different institutions of higher education in the greater Atlanta area and has been able to connect with other RCEs in Europe, Latin America, and Canada. As a member of the RCE HELC committee, I have enjoyed the community and the HELC guest speaker series that features innovative work in the field of sustainable practices and sustainable education.

AGSC Partner Spotlight:

Congratulations to Vanessa Ibarra, AGSC Advisory Board Member!

City's International Affairs Director Knighted by French Government

The government of France has awarded its second highest honor to Vanessa Ibarra, a longtime supporter of French engagement with Atlanta and director of the Mayor's Office of International Affairs since 2018. Ms.



Ibarra received the recognition — the National Order of Merit with the rank of knight — during a Monday celebration at [Read More in Global Atlanta]

Image: Vanessa Ibarra and French Consul General Vincent Hommeril





Boren Awards Virtual Information Session

Tue. November 2nd | 12pm EST

Boren Scholarships fund study abroad by U.S. undergraduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests. Boren

Fellowships fund research and language study proposals by U.S. graduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests. Learn more by attending the Boren Awards Virtual Information Session. Register: <u>https://iie-</u>

org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwscOuurzlvGtNj0nHGixuxmecjl0K2yfmc

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Study Abroad Fair at GSU

Tue. November 2nd | 10am-2pm EST

Study Abroad Programs is excited to host the <u>Study Abroad Fair</u> on Tuesday, November 2nd from 10 am – 2 pm in the Student Center Ballroom on the downtown Atlanta campus! This is an opportunity for



all students to learn about the 75+ study abroad programs in over 25 countries offered by GSU. It's never too early for you to begin thinking about how to include study abroad in your Georgia State experience!

Location: Student Center East, Ballroom, 55 Gilmer Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

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Letters from Iwo Jima Screening and Q+A with Academy Award Nominee Iris Yamashita

Mon. November 8th | 5-8pm EST

Join us for an in-person screening of the film *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006) followed by an online conversation with Academy Award nominated screenwriter Iris Yamashita! *Letters from Iwo Jima* is a Japanese-language American war film that depicts the Battle of Iwo Jima from the Japanese perspective. Please <u>register on Eventbrite</u> to attend

the full event in person (Swann 115) or the online Q+A only (Bluejeans). You will receive the Bluejeans link for the Q+A via email after registration.



Networking Event for Arabic Instructors November 21, 2021 Register Here

Arabic educators are invited to attend a <u>hybrid networking</u> <u>event on Sunday, November 21st</u> at <u>Alif Institute</u>, Atlanta's Arab American Cultural Center, hosted by the newly formed <u>Arabic Teachers Council of the South</u>. The networking event coincides with the last day of the <u>Virtual ACTFL (American</u>

<u>Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Convention</u> and is an opportunity for Arabic instructors to gather in person and online to share what they learned from ACTFL Convention sessions, view selected live and pre-recorded sessions, and celebrate the teaching and learning of Arabic. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served. To attend, please <u>register here</u>.

The November 21st networking event is made possible through support and funding from <u>Qatar Foundation International (QFI)</u>. QFI engages a diverse, global community of learners and educators, fostering cross-cultural connections through the exploration of the Arabic language and the Arab world's histories, cultures, and peoples in student-centered learning environments. QFI is headquartered in Washington, DC, and is a member of Qatar Foundation (QF). We welcome all who are interested in the teaching and learning of Arabic culture and language to join the Arabic Teachers Council of the South. Membership is open to

educators in K12, college, and university environments as well as to students, community members, program administrators, and representatives of community, civic and private organizations who are interested in supporting the teaching and learning of Arabic language and culture in the southern region of the United States. Join today

The Arabic Teachers Council of the South encourages all language teachers to register for and attend the Virtual ACTFL Convention, November 19-21. Arabic teachers can apply to receive up to \$1,500 for professional development through <u>QFI's Maharaat grants</u>.

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