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# FEBRUARY 2022 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!](#)



### Summer 2022 Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

**Deadline: February 15, 2022**

Learn how to apply for a [Foreign Language and Area Studies \(FLAS\)](#) Fellowship to study a language in the U.S. or abroad during Summer 2022. Fellowships are available for undergraduate and graduate students. Summer FLAS Fellowships provide \$5,000 for program tuition and fees and a \$2,500 living stipend

Priority languages include Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. Funding for French, German, and Spanish languages may be available for GRADUATE students at an ADVANCED level ONLY.

**For more information and detailed application instructions, visit**

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Learn a language this summer!

# SUMMER FLAS\* FELLOWSHIPS

\*Foreign Language and Area Studies

**Application Link:**

[https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eWCBN2J48omAo1U](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eWCBN2J48omAo1U)

## AGSC to host online discussion with Peter Martin, author of China's Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf Warrior Diplomacy



Friday, Feb. 18 | 12pm EST

**Zoom Registration Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZ0oceutqDwpH9A1toFdjsaJyMUkTVdm7wti>

Peter Martin joins us for a discussion on his book, "China's Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf Warrior Diplomacy," which charts China's transformation from an isolated and impoverished

communist state to a global superpower from the perspective of those on the front line: China's diplomats.

Peter Martin is Bloomberg's defense policy and intelligence reporter in Washington, DC and author of "China's Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf Warrior Diplomacy." He was previously based in Beijing where he wrote extensively on escalating tensions in the US-China relationship and reported from China's border with North Korea and its far-western region of Xinjiang. His writing has been published by outlets including Foreign Affairs, The Atlantic, Foreign Policy, the National Interest, and the Guardian. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford, Peking University and the London School of Economics.

Peter Martin will discuss his new book with Maria Repnikova, an expert on Chinese political communication and Assistant Professor of Global Communication at Georgia State University.

## AGREC Announces AY22-23 Call for Proposals

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The Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (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, training program or suggest another approach by collaborating with an organization in Atlanta or a population group that has a global dimension. 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. [Read the Call for Proposals here.](#)

### Virtual Exchange Call for Proposals

**Deadline: March 4**

GSU's Office of International Initiatives (OII) and the Atlanta Global Studies Center welcome proposals from Georgia State's full-time faculty who are implementing Virtual Exchange (VE) activities for the first time in a course taught during the 2022 fall semester.

Faculty who previously implemented VE in other classes (and those that may have received past support from OII) are eligible to apply if requesting support for VE in a new course. See the link below for more details. The deadline to apply is March 4. <https://international.gsu.edu/virtualexchange/call-for-proposals/>



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## Atlanta this Spring!



The virtual presentations and discussions take place every Thursday at 7:30 PM.

Feb 10: Outer Space  
 Feb 17: Climate Change  
 Feb 24: Changing Demographics  
 Mar 3: Myanmar and ASEAN  
 Mar 10: The Quad Alliance  
 Mar 17: Industrial Policy  
 Mar 24: Drug Policy in Latin America  
 March 31: Biden's Agenda

There is a fee to register for the virtual lecture series, and registration is required to receive the event link. Please [click here to register](#). For more information, please visit [here](#).

## Faculty Community on Virtual Exchange

Join a supportive community of faculty interested and engaged in virtual exchange! We will meet at 3pm on the dates below. Each meeting runs for about 90 minutes. Feel free to join any meeting and come for all or part of it. All are welcome! Join Any Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89591725508>

Feb 24, 3-4:30pm

Mar 24, 3-4:30pm

April 21, 3-4:30pm

February Topics:

- New Call for Proposals from OII and AGSC
- Tech Demo: Check out tech tools for VE and learn how to use them effectively!
- Formative/Summative Assessment in Virtual Exchange

For questions about this faculty community, please email Dr. Yali Zhao, [yzhao@gsu.edu](mailto:yzhao@gsu.edu) or Diana Wrenn Rapp at [dwrenn1@gsu.edu](mailto:dwrenn1@gsu.edu). This Faculty Teaching and Learning Community is supported by the Office of International Initiatives and the Atlanta Global Studies Center.

## DISCOVER ASIA Professional Development Series for Faculty, Spring 2022

*"Explore Southeast Asia through Food & Discussion"*

Southeast Asia is one of the most diverse regions of the world, with 11 mainland and island nations. Influenced by its large neighbors, India to the east and China to the north, this junction of civilizations is a kaleidoscope of distinct and colorful cultures that have been around for centuries or more.



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This series began in Fall 2021 with discussions and outings focused on East Asia and South Asia. This Spring's series highlights Southeast Asia through outings to restaurants that include cultural discussions and optional stops afterwards in nearby shops & markets.

**Friday, February 11th, 11am: Discover Vietnam**

Phở Bắc <https://www.phobacatlanta.com/>

4897 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/prHhvx7BRh>

Complete schedule of all Spring events coming soon!

Buford Highway in the Chamblee-Doraville area is lined with Vietnamese restaurants, but due to growing popularity, they're found in other areas in metro Atlanta, too. Noodle soup, or Pho, is the most well-known dish, but there's much more to choose from.

During restaurant outings, participants discuss topics related to the target culture. Participants can share anecdotes, academic or course-related content, news, and other interesting insights. Afterwards, participants post reflections and engage in discussion on the Asian Studies Program site.

For more info on this series or Asian Initiatives at Perimeter College, contact Eric Kendrick [ekendrick@gsu.edu](mailto:ekendrick@gsu.edu)

Flyer: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2ced6032-c8ca-4a97-84a1-8d906c1cd81a>

## The Arabic Teachers Council of the South invites you to attend:



### ***Fostering K20 Pipelines & Forging New Paths for 21st Century TAFL***

**March 26-27, 2022**

Keynote Speaker: [Dr. Mahmoud al-Batal](#)

Session Topics: Assessment, State and Regional Initiatives, Integrating Culture and the Arts into Arabic Instruction, and more! Detailed schedule available soon.

In partnership with Qatar Foundation International, Atlanta Global Studies Center, Amana Academy, and Alif Institute, the Arabic Teachers Council of the

South cordially invites you to attend our hybrid

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The two-day event, held at Amana Academy and Alif Institute, will culminate in a professional development certificate endorsed by QFI, Georgia Department of Education, Atlanta Global Studies Center, Arabic Teachers Councils, Georgia Arabic Teachers Association, North Carolina Teachers Association, and many more. We look forward to seeing you all. If you are interested in attending in-person and need financial assistance, K12 instructors may consider the QFI Maharaat Grant for potential funding. To apply for the Maharaat Grant program, register for an account on QFI's Grants Management Portal at [www.qfi.smapply.org](http://www.qfi.smapply.org).

This event is made possible through support and funding from Qatar Foundation International (QFI). QFI is an educational organization based in Washington, DC, committed to advancing Arabic language teaching and learning. QFI supports innovative, research-based Arabic language programs and works to increase access to Arabic instruction for educators and students around the world. To learn more about QFI visit: [www.qfi.org](http://www.qfi.org).

For more information about the event, please email Awad Awad, Arabic Teachers Council of the South Community Liaison at [aawad@alifinstitute.org](mailto:aawad@alifinstitute.org)

### 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



### Campus B Positive Impact Internship Program

We are delighted to announce that Campus B has made 2 full scholarships available for undergraduate students at Georgia State University from any major to participate in the [Spring 202 Positive Impact Internship Program in Brazil \(virtual\)](#). The program will take place from March 14th – April 25th, 2022. The deadline to submit an application is February 7th, 2022

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During the 6-week program, participants will have an incredible

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VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS  
MARCH 14TH-APRIL 25TH

Scholarships  
available to  
qualifying GSU  
students

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 7, 2022



opportunity to join a virtual team composed of international and Brazilian students to work on a real project, while generating a positive impact on our society.

Scholarships are available for two undergraduate students currently enrolled at Georgia State University who meet at least one of the following criteria: ethnic minority, low-income, first-generation college student or belong to any underrepresented group.

You can find more information on

the program [web page](#). By offering these scholarships, Campus B aims to provide a global experience for underrepresented students and positively impact the host organizations and the world.

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAEoTh6tAKU/j9w\\_cXzd4ulPdnPX7EkKLg/view#1](https://www.canva.com/design/DAEoTh6tAKU/j9w_cXzd4ulPdnPX7EkKLg/view#1)

## Rangel Summer Enrichment Program

**Deadline: February 15th**

The [Rangel Summer Enrichment program](#) is open to undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens, have a 3.2 GPA or above, and have completed at least 30 semester hours of coursework. The program is looking for students, regardless of major, who are globally focused and interested in international careers. The program covers the costs for tuition, travel, housing, and two meals per day. It also provides a stipend of \$3,300. Office hours and other events can be found at: Upcoming Events – Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program ([rangelprogram.org](http://rangelprogram.org))

## Georgia PIRG Campus Action

[Georgia PIRG Campus Action](#) is a student activist group working on important issues on campus like environmental protection, college affordability, non-partisan voter registration, and more! This semester, we have virtual internship and volunteer opportunities for students to learn valuable organizing skills and make a real difference in our community. For the past 40 years we have been working on college campuses to amplify the power of student activism. We know students want to make a difference on important issues like banning single use plastics or making college more affordable.

GA PIRG is looking for students who are passionate about these issues and want to put their knowledge into action. We work with student interns and train them to run effective, strategic campaigns.

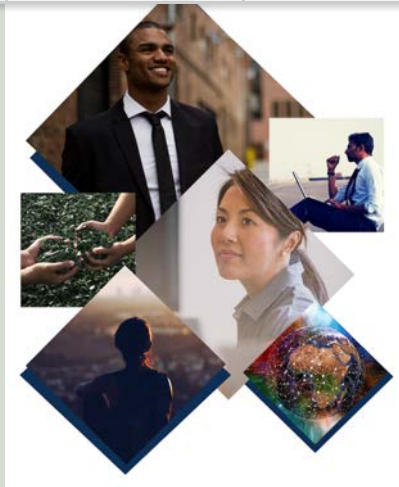
## Spring 2022 Global Career Series: Save the Dates!

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March 24, 2-3pm

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**March 31, 2-3pm****April 7, 2-3pm**

Speakers and topics will be announced soon!



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## FLAS Fellow Spotlight: Kyra Parks

Kyra Parks is finishing her first year in the Master of Public Health Program at GSU with a concentration in environmental epidemiology. She received an Academic Year FLAS Fellowship to study Swahili. We interviewed Kyra about her fellowship.

### Why is studying foreign languages important to you?

Studying foreign languages is important to me because it is so much more than just words, it is a window into other cultures. It helps break down barriers between people when you are able to communicate in someone's native language. Foreign languages are especially important in public health. Knowing a foreign language helps public health practitioners create culturally competent messaging and build trust among their target audience.

### Why did you choose Swahili?

I chose to study Swahili because it will have a profound impact in my future career in global health in the region of Africa where millions of people speak Swahili. I also enjoy learning about the structure of the language, which is different from other languages I have studied, and the culture of Swahili speakers.

### What are your career plans?

I hope to work in global health as an epidemiologist to investigate chronic disease trends. I hope to combine the skills I learn in the GSU MPH program and my Swahili language skills to create educational campaigns that will educate people about how they can prevent and manage chronic disease.



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

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I began studying Swahili in high school, but it was difficult to find opportunities to study Swahili and engage with other students in a formal setting since it is not a commonly taught language. FLAS has given me the opportunity to engage with other language learners and build relationships while working towards proficiency in the language. I have also been able to meet other students passionate about language learning through my cohort of FLAS fellows.

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

I have attended several events hosted by the Atlanta Global Studies Center. I particularly enjoyed the dialogue with Ambassador of Brazil to the United

States Nestor Forster, Jr. hosted by AGSC. This event featured a discussion about strategies to strengthen relations between Atlanta and Brazil. I enjoyed this event because it was thought provoking and the strategies I learned about at this event can be applied to my career in global health to help build relationships with people in other countries.

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

I would advise students passionate about language learning and global studies to apply because you never know where your language learning journey will take you! I would encourage applicants to reflect on why they are passionate about foreign language and how it will allow them to have an impact in their future career to develop a competitive application.

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



**Applications for the Thomas Jefferson Fund are open until February 24, 2022**

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French and American researchers and fosters forward-looking collaborative research that addresses the most pressing global challenges. Proposals must be jointly submitted by one American researcher and one French researcher. "Young" researchers are defined as having fifteen or fewer years of experience.

Applications are accepted in the three following fields:

- Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Science for Society (interdisciplinary STEM-HSS projects)

Selected projects will receive funding up to \$20,000, to be shared equally between the French and American partners over 2 years. These funds support transatlantic mobility of researchers, collaborative research activities, the organization of international workshops or conferences, and the publication of joint articles.

This program is a key tool for joint French-American research projects. Thomas Jefferson Fund encourages the applications of qualified researchers from all institutions and backgrounds. The Fund aims for a selection rate of at least 25%; since 2017, 102 projects have been funded.

Fiind more information at <http://face-foundation.org/thomas-jefferson-fund/> or on the Thomas Jefferson Fund [LinkedIn](#) page.

## Annual Chinese New Year Business Forum

**Thursday, February 10th**

Join us for a discussion on today's challenges and the way forward for US-China business relationships. The event will be held on Thursday, February 10th and is offered in-person or virtually. This event is presented by the Chinese Language, Culture, and Business Initiatives (CLCBI) in the Office of International Initiatives (OII) in collaboration with the World Trade Center Atlanta, & Chinese Business Association of Atlanta. For more information and tickets click here.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-challenges-new-way-forward-2022-chinese-new-year-business-forum-tickets-219330863517>

## Year of Greece Event: Greece's Impact on the Restaurant Business in Atlanta

Hosted by Kennesaw State University  
and Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

**Address:** 3431 Trickum Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

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This panel will feature a discussion of locally-owned and operated Greek and Greek-American restaurants in the Atlanta area. An adjacent room will feature Greek food from Atlanta area restaurants. RSVP required.

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