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Atlanta Global Studies Center



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

News and Announcements

\$80k awarded for AGREC Projects 2023-24



AGSC is proud to announce that six collaborative projects will receive AGREC Awards for 2023-24, representing **\$80k in new funding**. The research projects and their multi-institutional teams of faculty and community partners include:

1. **South Asian Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in Metropolitan Atlanta** (GSU, Emory, Rashka Inc.)
2. **Bridging Native Science between Mexico and Atlanta's K-12 Dual Language Immersion Program** (GSU, KSU, Atlanta Public Schools, Universidad Veracruz Mexico)
3. **RCE Greater Atlanta SDG Futures Fellowship** (GT, KSU, Wundergrubs, Karmalize)
4. **Simuvaction on "AI, Climate Resilience, and Health Disparities on a Global Stage"** (Emory, GT, American Red Cross in Atlanta)

5. Improving Diabetes Management Among Refugees in Clarkston, Atlanta (Emory, GSU, Ethne Health Clinic)

6. **Mental Health Awareness in Ethiopian and Eritrean Communities through Culturally Tailored Training** (Emory, GSU, Ethiopian Community Association in Atlanta, Eritrean American Community Association of GA)

A **Call for Proposals** for the AGREC award cycle, 2024-25, will be released later this month. For more information on AGREC, current projects, research publications, and future funding cycles, visit the [AGREC page on our website](#).

Rwanda Study Abroad - Applications Open



AGSC is proud to support the **Rwanda Study Abroad: Sustainable Development** program at Georgia Tech, which engages students in a semester-long sustainable development learning experience. Students begin working on sustainable development projects at the beginning of the semester and travel to Rwanda during Spring Break to meet with Rwandan students, entrepreneurs, and government officials, learning about development challenges first-hand and developing context for their project learning.

Undergraduates can enroll in CP 4510, “Intro to GIS”, or ISYE 4501, “Energy, Efficiency and Sustainability”, and graduate students can sign up for ISYE/PUBP 6701, “Energy Technology and Policy.”

Check out a full [recap of the Spring 2023](#) program. [Applications for Spring 2024](#) are open now, and will **CLOSE DECEMBER 1st**.

Upcoming Events



"Tolkien in Asia" with authors Ploi Pirapokin, Silvia Park, and Ken Liu

We are excited to announce two global speculative fiction events this week, co-sponsored by AGSC! Authors Ploi Pirapokin (*Tor.com*, *Pleiades*, *Ninth Letter*) and Silvia Park (*Black Warrior Review*, *The Best American Science Fiction*) will join us in person for a Speculative Writing Workshop and Q&A from 1-2 pm. Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy-award winner Ken Liu will join us online from 3:00-4:15 pm for a hybrid panel celebrating the new issue of the School of Modern Languages' global SF publication, *Hivemind Magazine*. This issue, "Tolkien in Asia," explores how Tolkien featured Asia in his work, as well as how his work has impacted fantasy writing both in Asia and around the world.

Friday, November 3rd

Scholar Event Network Theater, Price Gilbert Library, Georgia Tech

1:00-2:00pm: "Writing Speculative Fiction" Workshop + Q&A

Guest authors: Ploi Pirapokin and Silvia Park

Moderator: Ida Yoshinaga, School of Literature, Media, and Communication (LMC), Georgia Tech

Webinar Link: <https://gatech.zoom.us/j/98066872796>

3:00-4:15pm: "Tolkien in Asia" Panel Discussion

Guest authors: Ploi Pirapokin and Silvia Park (in person), Ken Liu (online)

Moderators: Lisa Yaszek (LMC) and Amanda Weiss, School of Modern Languages, Georgia Tech

Webinar Link: <https://gatech.zoom.us/j/97730163226>

[Register here](#) to attend and check out the [HIVEMIND](#) website for past issues and more details.

Join us for the next event in the AGSC's **African Studies Lecture Series**, curated by Brigitte Stepanov, Assistant Professor of French and Francophone Studies in the GT School of Modern Languages.

“What (is) Universalism? Planetary Poetics and an Ecology of the Cosmos”

Dr. Stepanov will be in conversation with Maboula Soumahoro, Associate Professor at the University of Tours, for an (eco)critical discussion about universalism, planetary understandings of "world," and being and belonging in the "era of the Anthropocene."

Tuesday, November 7th

9:45am-10:45am ET, via Zoom, or in-person at the GT Europe Library (Paris Time)

[Register now to get the link.](#)

For more on the African Studies Lecture Series, [visit our website.](#)

African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development



The graphic features the Georgia Tech logo and the Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems. It includes a portrait of Jean de Dieu Hakizimana, a QR code, and event details: "BBISS Seminar Series", "African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development, and the Grid Innovation and Incubation Hub at the University of Rwanda", "Jean de Dieu Hakizimana", "Ph.D., Head of Ph.D. Programme and Research, African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development, University of Rwanda", "November 9, 2023, 3 - 4 PM ET [Hybrid Event]", "BBISS Conference Room, 760 Spring Street, Suite 118 - Refreshments Served", and a link: "http://research.gatech.edu/bbiss-seminar-series-jean-de-dieu-hakizimana".

AGSC is co-sponsoring a lecture by visiting professor **Jean de Dieu Hakizimana from the College of Science and Technology at the University of Rwanda**, who is a key partner in the Rwanda Study Abroad program (above).

Dr Hakizimana will present on “The African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development, and the Grid Innovation and Incubation Hub at the University of Rwanda: Current Projects and Prospects for the Future”.

Refreshments will be served.

Also hybrid via [Teams](#)

For more details, [click here](#).

Sustainable Development Research Seminar



"Sustain the Lifeline: How Transit Disruptions Affect Poverty and Unemployment"

Join us for the third installment of our Fall seminar series, presented by the AGSC-hosted Higher Education Learning Community (HELC) of RCE Greater Atlanta, to hear from Dr Fei Li, Assistant Professor at the GSU Urban Studies Institute.

Friday, November 10th

12:00-1:15pm ET - Rm 246, GSU College of Law, 85 Park Place NE

Also hybrid via Zoom - [RSVP here](#) to get the link.

For information on the series, [visit our website](#).

Addressing Barriers to Curricular Integration of the SDGs



The Higher Education Learning Community (HELIC), hosted by AGSC, also invites you to join for the second meeting of this Fall's **Community of Practice on Teaching with the SDGs**. The session will be focused on "Strategies for Addressing Barriers to Curricular Integration of the SDGs". Presentations will include:

"Challenges of Community Engaged Teaching and Research" - Dr. Miné Hashas-Degertekin, Associate AIA, School of Architecture, Kennesaw State University

"(Re)defining Sustainable Fashion Education Through Activism and Care" - Sara Idacavage, PhD Candidate, Department of Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors, University of Georgia

"Bringing Context and Emotional Learning: A Social-Technical Project-Based Approach with SDGs" - Dr. Raghuram Pucha, Principal Academic Professional, Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Tech

Friday, November 10th

2:00pm-3:30pm ET via Zoom

[Register here for the link.](#)

For more information on the series, [visit our website.](#)

Locating the Human Voice in a Technology Driven World

VOICE+
Research Lab

MUSIC
HISTORY
BUSINESS
LANGUAGE
ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY
SUSTAINABILITY
ARCHITECTURE
LITERATURE
CULTURE
GENDER
DESIGN
RACE
ART
AI

event, "Voice+ Technology: Locating the Human Voice in a Technology-Driven World".

Tuesday, November 14th

Performance and Q&A with [DJ Deena Abdelwahed](#)

6:00-8:00pm - Exhibition Hall, Midtown V, Georgia Tech

Wednesday, November 15th

11:00am-12:30pm | Poster Presentations | GT Student Center Piedmont Room

12:30pm-1:30pm | Catered Lunch | GT Student Center Piedmont Room

3:00pm-4:30pm | Renée Altergott Research Presentation | GT Student Center Northside Room

"Reading Against the Grain of the Voice: Flaubert's Madame Bovary" - Dr. Renée Altergott, Visiting Assistant Professor of French, Wabash College, IN

For full details, [see our website](#).

Faculty Community on Virtual Exchange

Virtual Exchange increases global competency and engagement, promotes digital literacy, fosters cultural appreciation and understanding, develops professional skills, and facilitates intercultural collaboration and communication. Students who participate in such programs are eligible to earn digital International Virtual Exchange badges! Interested in learning more? Join the GSU Faculty Community on Virtual Exchange!

Fall 2023 dates: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and **Nov. 15**, 3:00-4:30 pm (Eastern)

All are welcome!

Zoom Link: bit.ly/46jfHIW

International Education Week 2023

Global Careers Series



To celebrate International Education Week 2023, AGSC is hosting a virtual **Global Careers Series**. Panels include:

Monday, November 6th, 1-2pm - US Foreign Service

US Department of State, US Peace Corps, USAID

Wednesday, November 8th, 1-2pm - International Business

International Trade Administration, World Trade Center, Princeton Healthcare

Friday, November 10th, 1-2pm - International Associations

Latin American Association, Japan America Society of Georgia, Alif Institute, International Rescue Committee

[Register here to attend](#) any of the sessions, or get [more information here](#).

The Global Careers Series is organized by AGSC, in partnership with GSU's Center for Urban Language Teaching and Research, Office of International Initiatives, University Career Services, BIS Programs in Global Studies, Middle East Studies, & Asian Studies, and Institute of International Business.

Discover Asia



AGSC is proud to support the Discover Asia program at Perimeter College which is celebrating **International Education Week 2023** with a wide range of events and activities highlighting the

The **Dunwoody Campus** is hosting travel displays all week in ND Building East and North Hallways, plus hands-on activities in the Student Center, 2nd Floor, 11am-1:30pm, on Nov 7 and 9. There will also be a Study Abroad Showcase in the NC-1100 Auditorium along with a series of country presentations:

- Myanmar (Burma) - Nov 7th, 10:00 am
- Japan - Nov 7th, 2:30pm
- South Korea - Nov 8th, 10:00 am
- Bali, Indonesia - Nov 8th, 1:00 pm

The **Clarkston Campus** is offering:

- Exhibits & Interactive Programs - Nov 8th, 11:00am-1:30pm, Student Center 1st Floor
- Study Abroad Presentations - Nov 8th, 2:30-3:30pm, in CD-1100
- Martial Arts Demonstration - Nov 9th, 11:30am-12:15pm at Student Center Stage

All Perimeter College campuses will have access to an online iCollege non-course site. For information about Discover Asia, contact Eric Kendrick, ekendrick@gsu.edu.

Student Spotlight

FLAS Fellowship Summer 2023 - Japan LBAT



This past summer, **Arthur White III**, a rising senior in Aerospace Engineering with a Minor in Japanese, was one of the recipients of the AGSC's FLAS Fellowships for summer language learning, taking the opportunity to participate on the GT School of Modern Language's [Japan LBAT](#).

different cities in Oita, Nagasaki, Fukuoka, and Kagoshima, were awesome, especially seeing Sakurajima erupting firsthand during the first day of our trip to Kagoshima.”

For Arthur, the Japanese LBAT program had distinct advantages - “Learning with the same group of people the whole summer really allowed me to build a comfortable learning environment where I could participate and achieve new levels of understanding. I was able to build confidence while speaking Japanese and using it to learn more than just the language itself.”

Memorable experiences included volunteering at a local place in Beppu that is organized and run by Yumi Nishiyama, a student from Georgia Tech’s partner school APU, where local kids can spend their day playing with volunteers and most importantly getting a meal.

In closing, Arthur says, “I fully recommend the Japanese LBAT to any student who is serious about improving their Japanese. The courses are great and the instructors are constantly working to improve them... The opportunity to live in Japan alone makes it worth it but you also get to have high-quality classes that extend past the classroom that allow you to make real connections with fellow GT students as well as APU students.”

Congratulations, Arthur!

In Case You Missed It ...

Building Collaborative Resilience in Post-Conflict Societies

(very!) preliminary Findings

Variables (Scale)	Pretest	Posttest
Personal Safety	3.16	2.99**
Impulse Control	3.05	3.24***
Collaborative Reasoning	3.35	4.46***
Moral Reasoning	2.51	2.62***
Social Dominance Orientation	8.05	8.29***

	Sex		Age					Monthly Income				
	Total	Male	18-25	26-35	36-40	>40	<500	500-100	100-200	>200		
Post	6.02	5.75	6.33	6.69	6.03	6.19	6.22	6.52	6.02	6.55	5.90	
Pretest	7.62	7.91	7.52	7.23	7.54	7.29	7.79	8.80	7.67	7.29	7.80	
Female	8.62	8.90	8.62	8.60	8.90	8.60	8.61	8.61	8.78	8.78	8.52	

HOPE for a better Future: Building Collaborative Resilience

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On October 13th, the Higher Education Learning Community (HELCC) of RCE Greater Atlanta, hosted by AGSC, heard from **Dr Volker Franke**, Professor of Conflict Management in the School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development at Kennesaw State University, as part of the **Sustainable Development Research Seminar** series. Dr Franke presented his current research work on Peace Building in Liberia.

The [full lecture is now available](#) on our YouTube channel!

US Dept of Education and AAC&U Presentation



Last month AGSC Co-Director Tony Lemieux and Stuart Minson, AGSC Associate Director, went to visit the team at the **U.S. Department of Education** to discuss our shared work to expand international and foreign language learning in Atlanta and the South East. We were also privileged to present at the **AAC&U Global Learning Conference** alongside Emory University's Obse Ababiya about our innovative **AGREC** collaboration which has now awarded more than \$340k in research funding to address global issues. The closing plenary with Ambassador Abercrombie-Winstanley was a thought-provoking reminder of the importance of intercultural understanding amidst global conflict.

In late October, Dr Lemieux also participated in a discussion about **Extremism and Democracy in the South** with **Belgian Ambassador Jean-Arthur Regibaeu**, hosted at the Atlanta consular residence of Michael Gerebtzoff, the Consul General of Belgium.



Filming Africa: From Ethnography to Essay



On October 26th, the AGSC's **African Studies Lecture Series** presented a paper by Dr Rachel Gabara, Associate Professor of French at the University of Georgia.

Hosted by Chris Ippolito, Professor of French in the GT School of Modern Languages, Dr Gabara discussed the development of independent sub-Saharan African cinema in the context of her forthcoming monograph, *Reclaiming Realism: From Documentary Film in Africa to African Documentary Film*.

For more on the African Studies Lecture Series, [visit our website](#).

Student Opportunities

Young Changemakers Event

Be a part of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

The United Nations is coming to Atlanta, **December 10th!** The United States Government is hosting a special event on the margins of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption to champion the importance of young changemakers in anti-corruption efforts. They are looking for **student presenters** to share innovative ideas with officials from governmental and international organizations, nongovernmental leaders, and activists from around the world on ways the global community can strengthen its efforts to counter corruption. [More information here](#).

Summer Scholars Program

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program which offers full-time independent research under the direction of an ISyE faculty mentor for 20 hours per week across a 10-week period. Participants receive a **\$3000 stipend** and are responsible for their own housing, transportation and meals. Applicants must be able to attend in-person on campus and be rising juniors or seniors (who will not have graduated by May 2024) majoring in engineering, math, science, computing, or a related field. [More information here.](#)

Federal Scholarship and Internship Opportunities

Fulbright: *Provides grants to graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals, and artists to pursue graduate or professional studies, conduct research, or teach English abroad for up to one academic year.* <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>. *Application Opens: April 2023.*

Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS): *Part-time, virtual internships with flexible schedules. Interns can partner with Department of State diplomatic posts overseas and domestic offices, as well as other agencies. All VSFS interns are unpaid and volunteer ten hours a week from September to May.* <https://vsfs.state.gov>. *Application Opens: July 2023.*

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS): *Offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in U.S.- based degree programs to learn one of 15 languages through immersive study abroad institutes each summer.* <https://clscholarship.org/>. *Next Application Deadline: November 2023.*

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program: *Paid internships offered during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in Washington, D.C. and at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. Interns will receive GS-04 pay level, including transportation/housing expenses. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited university at the start of the internship, have at least a 3.2 GPA, and be enrolled in school the semester immediately following the internship.* <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internship-program/>. *Vacancies are on a rolling basis.*

U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP): *Merit and needs-based opportunity available to undergraduate sophomore and junior students with a 3.2 GPA or higher. The program provides two paid internships in consecutive summers. The first will be in Washington, D.C. and the second one will be at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. Interns will receive pay at the GS-04 level and transportation/housing expenses.* <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internship-program/>. *Vacancies are on a rolling basis.*

Pathways Internship Program: *Offers paid employment for students while they attend school. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and enrolled or accepted as a student (full-*

Colin Powell Leadership Program Internship: *The Colin Powell Leadership Program recruits highly motivated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who aspire to and possess the potential to become future Civil Service leaders in the Department. The program provides paid internships to students who are enrolled at accredited institutions of higher education. <https://bit.ly/3wFEYgh>. Vacancies are on a rolling basis.*

Other Opportunities

Build Your University's International and Language Library Collections!

Are you or your department in need of library resources on global, regional, or country-specific content? Would you like to add foreign language resources to your library's collection? As a National Resource Center, the Atlanta Global Studies Center builds international studies, area studies, and world languages library collections at Georgia Tech and Georgia State University. Please send your requests for books, journals, and digital resources to [Stuart Minson](#).

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