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# DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## News and Announcements

### Welcome Ethan!



Join us in welcoming Dr. Ethan Trinh as the new AGSC Associate Director at GSU! Ethan (they/them/their) is a Vietnamese, queer, immigrant, researcher and teacher educator, whose research focuses on queer teacher’s emotions and well-being, and explores how to embrace queerness as healing, teaching, and research practices.

Ethan’s research can be found in the *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, *LGBTQ Policy Journal*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Multicultural Perspectives*, *The Qualitative*

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*Multilingual Immigrants in the United States* (Brill, 2021); *Teacher Well-Being in English Language Teaching: An Ecological Approach* (Routledge, 2023); *Doctoral Students' Identities and Emotional Wellbeing in Applied Linguistics: Autoethnographic Accounts* (Routledge, 2023); and *Curating the Self and Embracing the Community: Autoethnographic Evocations of U.S. Doctoral Students in the Fields of Social Sciences and Humanities* (Brill, 2023). Currently, they also serve as an Associate Editor at *GATESOL Journal*.

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## Branding Brazil: Transforming Citizenship on Screen



In the latest edition of our **Authors Amplified** series, produced in partnership with Global Atlanta, Dr Leslie Marsh discusses her new book, "Branding Brazil," which covers the heady period of the first Lula administration as Brazil was coming into its own on the world stage. Currently Chair of the World Languages & Cultures Department at Georgia State University, Dr. Marsh's book reflects on the way the country presented itself to the world through art and culture. In this discussion, Dr. Marsh talks about her inspiration and what has changed in Brazil in the tumultuous intervening years since she researched and published the book.

[Watch the full episode here.](#)

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## New Cohort of SDG Futures Fellows Announced

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Congratulations to the newest class of SDG Futures Fellows! Funded by an AGREC 2023-24 Grant, we are excited to go on a journey with this cohort as they learn more about sustainable development and equity, focused on the Greater Atlanta region. The 22 Fellows represent a wide variety of academic disciplines and come to the program from almost a dozen Atlanta higher education institutions, including:

- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia State University
- Emory University
- Spelman College
- Kennesaw State University
- Morehouse College
- Georgia Gwinnett College
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- University of Georgia

To learn more about the program, [visit this page](#).

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## Diana Wrenn Rapp – Award for Global Engagement



Diana Wrenn Rapp, former AGSC Associate Director, was recently recognized as the recipient of a “Staff Award for Global Engagement” at the GSU Office of International Initiatives 2023 Annual Award Ceremony. The award celebrated her demonstrated track record of leading and influencing internationalization and visibly contributing to global engagement at GSU over the past year, as well as making exemplary contributions in furthering international and global education by supporting programs that enrich the experiences of students, faculty, and fellow staff members on and off-campus.

Congratulations, Diana!

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## Upcoming Events

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### Director of the UN Information Service on "Equity, Climate Change, and Corruption"

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**MR. MARTIN NESIRKY**  
 Director of the United Nations  
 Information Service in Vienna

Intimate Networking • Q&A Session • Light Refreshments • Free and Open to the Public

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[to Do the Right Thing](#)**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, @ 6-7PM**

25 PARK PL NE, ATLANTA, GA 30303 - 2ND FLOOR EVENT CENTER, ROOM 223

Refreshments provided.

Did you know that the United Nations is in town? The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is facilitating a conference at the Georgia World Congress Center from Dec. 11-15, 2023. Mr. Martin Nesirky a spokesperson for the UN, will be serving as guest speaker for this side event hosted by the Atlanta Chapter of the UN Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and the Atlanta Global Studies Center at GSU on December 13 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Nesirky will explain the role of the United Nations and will not only show how it improves lives across the globe but will make the case for why Atlanta and the United Nations are natural partners in the fight against climate change, inequality, and other pressing challenges.

Please [RSVP here](#).

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## Sustainable Development Research Seminar

**"Climate Justice and Our Children's Health"**

Join us for the first installment of our Spring seminar series, presented by the AGSC-hosted Higher Education Learning Community (HELIC) of RCE Greater Atlanta, to hear from Dr Rebecca Philipsborn, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and the Rollins School of Public Health.

**Friday, January 19th**

12:00-1:15pm ET - Rm 204, Convocation Hall, Emory University

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

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## Sustainable Development Research Lightning Talks

The RCE Higher Education Learning Community (HELCL), coordinated by AGSC, will be hosting a research and networking event for those working on issues of sustainability and sustainable development. Each presenter will have 3 minutes and 1 slide to share their current work and/or the kind of research they are looking to collaborate on. From sustainable cities and social equity to international cooperation and climate change, anyone undertaking research on issues relevant to achieving the UN SDGs is invited to participate! The session will be followed by a networking event at a nearby venue to follow up on the research shared and potential collaborations.

**Friday, January 26, 2024 | 3pm-5pm**

Auditorium, GSU College of Law

Expressions of interest can be [submitted here](#).

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## In Case You Missed It ...

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### AGREC Team Presents at Global Inclusion Conference



On November 1st, an AGREC team presented at Diversity Abroad's annual Global Inclusion Conference. This collaborative poster presentation highlighted the student perspective of

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Lines and an AGREC grant. The program emphasizes helping underrepresented and historically disadvantaged students prioritize study abroad as transformative educational experiences.

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## HIVEMIND - Tolkien in Asia



On November 3rd, Dr Amanda Weiss (GT School of Modern Languages) hosted a hybrid panel celebrating the new issue of *HIVEMIND Magazine*. This issue, "Tolkien in Asia", explores how Tolkien featured Asia in his work, as well as how his books have impacted fantasy writing both in Asia and around the world.

In conjunction with the launch, this AGSC-sponsored event also featured a "Speculative Writing Workshop" and Q&A with authors Ploi Pirapokin (Tor.com, Pleiades, Ninth Letter) and Silvia Park (Black Warrior Review, The Best American Science Fiction). The two writers were later joined by Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy-award winner Ken Liu for a hybrid discussion.

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## Maboula Soumahoro - What (is) Universalism?

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On November 7th, Dr Brigitte Stepanov (GT School of Modern Languages) hosted a conversation with returning guest speaker, Dr Maboula Soumahoro (University of Tours). The conversation was entitled “What (is) Universalism: Planetary Poetics and an Ecology of the Cosmos” and the discussion was the third installment in AGSC’s African Studies Lecture Series this Fall. Held in person at the GT Europe campus and broadcast back home via Zoom, the conversation focused on exploring translation, race, ecology, and how concepts of “nature” and the “natural world” have featured in Dr Soumahoro’s work.

## Voice+ Research Lab



On November 14-15, Dr Andrea Jonsson (GT School of Modern Languages) hosted an inaugural series of events as part of the new Voice+ Research Lab, which is co-sponsored by AGSC. The series was kicked off with an opening reception and DJ performance by Deena Abdelwahed followed by a Q&A. The following day, undergraduate and masters students gave research poster presentations that addressed the intersections between voice and technology, as part of a competition judged by a panel of faculty experts. That afternoon, a keynote paper was given by Dr



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# Student Opportunities

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## Summer Scholars Program

The School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) at Georgia Tech offers the Summer 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.*

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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-time or part-time) in a qualifying high school, vocational school, undergraduate or graduate program, with a GPA of at least 2.0. <https://bit.ly/3KuRvcb>. Vacancies are on a rolling basis.

**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.

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## Other Opportunities

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### 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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