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## JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### News and Announcements

#### Faculty Travel Grants - Call for Applications



The Atlanta Global Studies Center is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for Travel Grants designed to support the research and teaching of faculty at Georgia Tech. Funding can be used for research travel or to present a paper at an academic conference. Grants for international travel are in the amount of \$2,500, and grants for domestic travel are \$1000 each (AGSC reserves the right to modify the number and amounts of the awards if the applications so warrant).

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the [Atlanta Global Studies Symposium](#) or other AGSC Research Seminar. Grant funds may be used for airfare, lodging, per diem, conference registration fees, etc.

Please note that any international travel must be submitted for approval by the US Department of Education 45 days in advance and must comply with the [Fly America Act](#).

**Applications should include:**

- A **one-page proposal** with a description of the proposed travel and the expected benefits to your research and the general area of language, intercultural, or global studies;
- An **itemized budget**.

Submit to [agsc@gatech.edu](mailto:agsc@gatech.edu) by **August 25th, 2024**.

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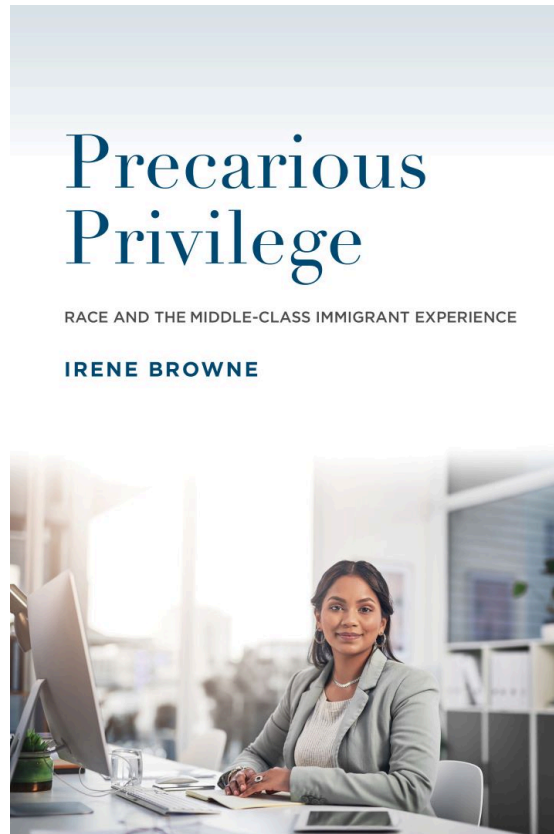
## EPIC Recognition



Georgia State's EPIC program has been awarded the University System of Georgia's **Regents' Award for Excellence in High-Impact Practices and Experiential Learning**. The Regents' Awards represent the System's highest recognition for excellence in teaching and advising among the state's 26 public colleges and universities.

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

## New Authors Amplified Episode



We are excited to share the latest episode of **Authors Amplified!** In this installment, Trevor Williams, Managing Editor of **Global Atlanta**, engages in a compelling conversation with **Irene Browne** from Emory University. They discuss her insightful book, “**Precarious Privilege**,” which describes how middle-class Mexican and Dominican immigrants in Atlanta have dealt with cultural bias in their new home city.

Catch the full episode [here](#).

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## Rwanda Study Abroad - Applications Opening Soon



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 putting their project learning in context.

Undergraduates can enroll in CP 4510, “Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems”, or ISYE 4501, “Energy, Efficiency and Sustainability”, and graduate students can sign up for ISYE 6701, “Energy Technology and Policy”.

Check out a full recap of the [Spring 2023 program](#). Stay tuned and visit [here](#) to stay informed about when applications for **Summer 2025** will open.

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## French Environmental Humanities and/in the Arts

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AGSC is excited to support the "**French Environmental Humanities and/in the Arts**" project. This interdisciplinary initiative, led by [Stéphanie Boulard](#) and [Andrea Jonsson](#) from the GT School of Modern Languages, integrates French language, art, literature, and ecology studies. One of its first undertakings has been the use of a **Haikubox** installed on campus to monitor and identify bird songs. This innovative work explores the connections between ecology, biodiversity, and the French and Francophone environmental humanities. The project is partially funded by AGSC and the French Embassy, among others, offering unique educational opportunities.

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## Joe Bankoff



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We in the Atlanta Global Studies Center were saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Bankoff. From the initial conceptualization of AGSC, through the preparation of the first proposal to the Department of Education to get the Center funded and established, Joe was a steadfast supporter of AGSC. His impact was tremendous, and we will miss him.

## Upcoming Events

### K-12 World Languages Teacher Workshop



**3RD ANNUAL STaRLT SEMINAR**  
in collaboration with the Atlanta Global Studies Center and Georgia TESOL

Georgia Tech Atlanta Global Studies Center Georgia State University

STaRLT SMALL TOWN AND RURAL LANGUAGE TEACHERS GATESOL GEORGIA FOCUSSED BY ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

**FREE NO COST**

**STRATEGIES FOR ESOL & WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS**

Join us for a one-day seminar with multiple presenters sharing strategies and resources for ESOL & World Language classroom success.

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Classroom design on a dime
- World Language Classes and Canva
- ESOL strategies
- More to come!

**SEPT. 19, 2024**  
9:00 AM- 3:30 PM

Butts County Performing Arts Center  
405 Franklin Street  
Jackson, GA 30223

**REGISTER NOW**

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### 3RD ANNUAL STaRLT SEMINAR

#### STRATEGIES FOR ESOL & WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS

**Date: September 19, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Location: Butts County Performing Arts Center, 405 Franklin Street, Jackson, GA 30233

Join us for a free one-day event focused on Small Town & Rural Language Teachers (STaRLT). This seminar, in collaboration with AGSC and Georgia TESOL, features multiple presenters sharing strategies and resources for classroom success. Topics include classroom design, using Canva in foreign language classes, and effective ESOL strategies.

Please register [here!](#)

## In Case You Missed It ...

### Strengthening Educational Partnerships: AGSC's Visit to the International Institute



**Ethan Trinh**, AGSC Associate Director, recently visited the **International Institute (II)** at the University of Michigan. Hosted by **Evan Vowell** and **Do-Hee Morsman**, Ethan engaged in insightful discussions with directors and staff from various centers, including the Center for Japanese Studies, Japanese Language Program, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, African Studies Center, and Center for Southeast Asian Studies, as well as the II Director, **Johannes von Moltke**.

The visit emphasized the potential for collaborative activities between AGSC and II, particularly in educational change and teacher exchanges. This meeting marked a significant step towards strengthening the partnership between AGSC and the International Institute, fostering educational innovation and global engagement.

## ACTFL OPI Workshop

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You Are Invited To Apply For The  
**2025 SUMMER ACTFL OPI  
WORKSHOP FOR ARABIC  
INSTRUCTORS**  
Available from July 1st to July 22nd, 2024

Are you a member of Arabic Teachers Council of the South? If not, scan QR code to join!

Any questions, please email Dr. Ethan Trinh (they/them), Associate Director of AGSC, at [ttrinh16@gsu.edu](mailto:ttrinh16@gsu.edu)

Fill out this form to be considered for this workshop. Deadline: Wed. June 19th, 2024

This workshop is sponsored by Qatar Foundation International and administered by Atlanta Global Studies Center

In Summer 2024, AGSC and the [Arabic Teachers Council of the South](#) hosted a successful **ACTFL OPI Workshop for Arabic Instructors**, sponsored by **Qatar Foundation International**. We welcomed a new cohort of six teachers who participated in the workshop held from July 1st to July 22nd, 2024. This intensive program focused on enhancing teaching skills and methodologies for Arabic language instruction.

Additionally, we supported the Summer 2023 cohort as they progressed to the next step toward full certification. This continued support highlights AGSC's commitment to advancing the professional development of Arabic instructors.

For more information about upcoming workshops and to join the Arabic Teachers Council of the South, please visit [here](#).

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## SIMUVACTION ON AI 2024



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We're excited to share the highlights from this year's **"Simuvaction on AI 2024"**! This innovative exercise brought together international students from diverse fields such as Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Humanities, Law, Journalism, and Ethics to **simulate a meeting of the Global Partnership on AI**. They tackled global issues related to AI, Climate Resilience, and Health Disparities, drafting actionable recommendations.

**Georgia Tech Student Testimonial**

"SIMUVACTION 2024 was a highly educative experience for me... I enjoyed the view from a delegate's perspective arguing for the interests and position of the country I represented but also reaching reasonable agreements that considered other countries' positions and the global good. SIMUVACTION is a very formative experience and I strongly recommend it for those who anticipate a career in diplomacy and international relations or want to be a global changemaker."  
 — Olajide E Olugbade

For more details about Simuvaction, please visit [here](#).

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**Welcome Reception for Mandela Washington Fellows**

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AGSC is proud to be a part of the **Mandela Washington Fellows program!** Hosted by the Robinson College of Business at GSU, in collaboration with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the program features leading scholars offering cutting-edge workshops on leadership and public management.

GSU hosted a warm **welcome reception** for the Mandela Washington Fellows, celebrating their arrival and the commencement of the program. We are excited to highlight **Nandini Lallmon**, a researcher-practitioner with the African Union. She bridges the gap between LGBTQIA+ rights policy and practice in African Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and empowers LGBTQIA+ youth through a decolonial perspective. Nandini's advocacy at the Commonwealth, European Union, and United Nations has earned her prestigious fellowships and awards. Upon completing the fellowship, she aims to create diverse, inclusive, and transformative spaces for learning and dialogue.

A special mention to **Ethan Trinh**, AGSC Associate Director, who is serving as a mentor in this prestigious program, guiding and supporting fellows like Nandini.

To learn more about the Mandela Washington Fellowship, please visit [here](#).

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## Rescue in Rwanda: Upstanderism during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi

AGSC was delighted to co-sponsor the event "**Rescue in Rwanda: Upstanderism During the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi**", hosted by the American Society of International Law on June 17, 2024.

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during the genocide. Panelists included a genocide survivor who was rescued as well as experts on upstanderism during genocides in Rwanda and elsewhere. Amid an era of multiple genocides around the world, reflecting on upstanderism during a past genocide can provide lessons for the present and future.

Speakers:

**Jennie E. Burnet**, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, Georgia State University; author, *To Save Heaven and Earth: Rescue in the Rwandan Genocide*

**Zachary D. Kaufman**, J.D., Ph.D., Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law; author, *United States Law and Policy on Transitional Justice: Principles, Politics, and Pragmatics*

**Freddy Mutanguha**, CEO, Aegis Trust; Director, Kigali Genocide Memorial

**Consolee Nishimwe**, Survivor of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda; motivational speaker; women's rights advocate; author, *Tested to the Limit: A Genocide Survivor's Story of Pain, Resilience, and Hope*

Watch the full webinar [here](#).

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## Student Opportunities

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### 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 2024.*

**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>. Next deadline: January 2025.*

**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 2024.*

**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*

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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-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 [agsc@gatech.edu](mailto:agsc@gatech.edu) or [agsc@gsu.edu](mailto:agsc@gsu.edu).

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