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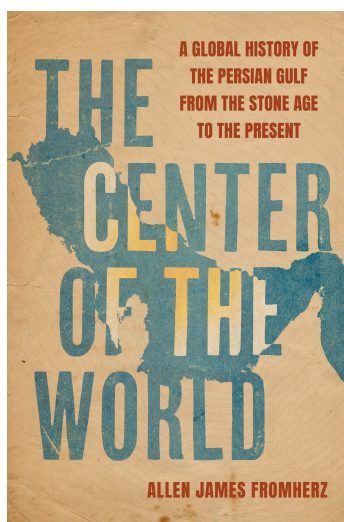
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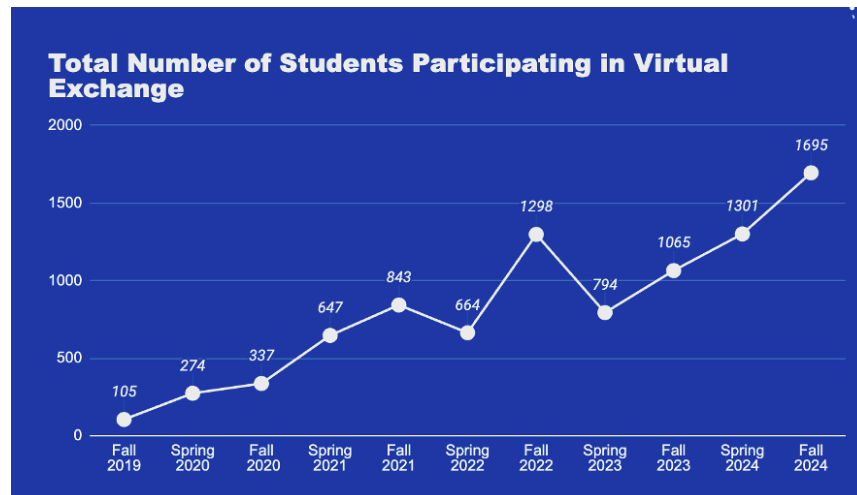
History of the Persian Gulf



On November 15th, in the latest episode of Authors Amplified, **Dr. Allen Fromherz**, Professor of Middle East, Gulf, and Mediterranean History and Director of the Middle East Studies Center at GSU, joined Trevor Williams, Managing Editor of Global Atlanta, for a podcast interview. He shared fascinating insights from his latest book, "**The Center of the World: A Global History of the Persian Gulf from the Stone Age to the Present**" (2024). Dr. Fromherz explained why the Persian Gulf, as a crossroads for trade and cultural diffusion, holds a strong claim as the center of world history.

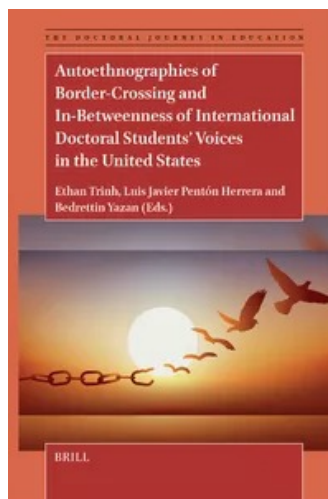
Or [read the article](#) on Global Atlanta.

Virtual Exchange at GSU Reaches Record Enrollment



GSU has witnessed a record number of **1695 students**, enrolled in **57 courses**, participating in **International Virtual Exchange (IVE)** during this fall semester, indicating a continuous growth of our IVE programs. This is one of the key initiatives which AGSC supports and we are happy to see this increase in both students' and faculty's engagement in IVE. **Congratulations** to GSU on the success of the IVE initiative, and a big shout-out to Drs. Zhao and Yenerall for their hard work!

Border-Crossing and In-Betweenness



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“Autoethnographies of Border-Crossing and In-Betweenness of International Doctoral Students’ Voices in the United States.” This edited volume, co-authored with Dr. Luis Javier Pentón Herrera and Bedrettin Yazan, is the latest of 3 books which focus on the lived experiences of doctoral students in and beyond the U.S. in interdisciplinary fields.

The new work came right on time for this year’s celebration of [International Education Week](#). The edited volume captures powerful autoethnographies of international doctoral students and unravels a plethora of their experiences which oscillate between the challenges and triumphs of navigating in-betweenness

Click [here](#) for book info.

360 GLE Curriculum Development Grants Announced

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AGSC
360 GLE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
GRANT RECIPIENTS**

 COLLEEN IJUIN, PH.D. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, COMMUNICATION GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE	 SOYOUNG BOO, PH.D. CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
 DAVID L. YENERALL, JR., ED.D. INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES FACULTY ASSOCIATE SENIOR LECTURER OF ASTRONOMY GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE	 HEYING JENNY ZHAN, PH.D. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, GERONTOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
 DEBORAH MANSON, PH.D. PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH FACULTY ASSOCIATE FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE	 EVARISTO F. DORIA, ED.D. PRINCIPAL SENIOR LECTURER, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
 TAMI WELLS THOMAS, J.D. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE	 STEPHANIE LANGSTON, M.ED. SENIOR LECTURER OF SPANISH, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE
 SOOYEON KIM, M.A. SENIOR LECTURER, FINE ARTS GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE	 TAEKO NAMURA, PH.D. LECTURER OF JAPANESE, WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Georgia Tech Atlanta Global Studies Center Georgia State University

AGSC is proud to announce that ten faculty members from GSU have been selected as this year’s 360 GLE Curriculum Development Grant recipients.

The selected fellows are:

- Colleen Ijuin, Associate Professor, GSU
- Soyoung Boo, Clinical Associate Professor, GSU
- David L. Yenerall, Senior Lecturer, GSU
- Heying Jenny Zhan, Associate Professor, GSU

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- Tami Wells Thomas, Assistant Professor, GSU
 - Stephaine Langston, Senior Lecturer, GSU
 - Sooyeon Kim, Senior Lecturer, GSU
 - Taeko Namura, Lecturer, GSU
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2025 Reciprocal Exchange Award



AGSC is thrilled to share that **Dr Ethan Trinh** has been awarded a prestigious **2025 Reciprocal Exchange Award** to Mauritius as part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship managed by the U.S. Department of State and IREX.

In collaboration with a former Mandela Washington Fellow, Dr Trinh will lead a project titled "**Transforming IDEA to Action: Educators Leading with Knowledge, Heart, and Vision.**" In this project, they will work closely with the US Embassy in Mauritius, local NGOs, the Mauritius Department of Education, and a Member of Parliament to provide workshops for 50 leaders of K-20 education in Mauritius. The initiative will equip leaders with resources and approaches to enhance Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) in education and connect them with other leaders and local communities.

Arabic Language Day - Art Contest Winners

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<p><i>Amana Academy</i> Nesma</p>	<p><i>Amana Academy</i> Hafsa</p>	<p><i>Jonesboro High School</i> Keisha Glynn</p>	<p><i>Texas Tech University</i> Asma AbuShanab</p>
			

AGSC is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024-25 Arabic Language Day Arts Contest. Congratulations to all the talented winners:

Elementary Level: **Nesma** from Amana Academy

Middle Level: **Hafsa** from Amana Academy

High School Level: **Keisha Glynn** from Jonesboro High School

College Level: **Asma AbuShanab** from Texas Tech University

We would like to thank students from the various schools and colleges around the world who submitted their creative work to us: Al Falah Academy School; Al Huda Academy; Alif Institute; Amana Academy North; Amana Academy West; American School of Doha; Seventy First High School, Fayetteville NC; Jonesboro High School; Michigan Arabic Teachers Council (Riverside Academy); Georgia Perimeter College; Texas Tech University; University of Arizona; Ursuline Academy of Dallas.

We would also like to share our deep appreciation with the members of the ATCS Executive Committee who worked hard in reviewing the amazing submissions. The selection committee consisted of Alaa Hedeab (Jonesboro High School), Kinda Hanano (Alif Institute), and Rima Nasser (American School of Doha).


Upcoming Events


Sustainable Development Research Seminar


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"Caring about Nature: Necessary Responses to Our Climate Crisis."

AGSC is excited to host the first session of the Spring 2025 Sustainable Development Research Seminar, featuring **Chris Cuomo, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Georgia**, who will discuss the role of Humanism and its limits in tackling the climate crisis. Lunch provided for registered attendees.

 Room 325, Swann Building, Georgia Tech, + online via Zoom

 Jan 17, 2025, 12pm-1:15pm

 [Register here](#) to attend in person or get the zoom link.

Georgia Languages Contest



AGSC is thrilled to share that it is collaborating with the GA Department of Education and the Small Town and Rural Language Teachers (STaRLT) Association to co-host the very first **Georgia Languages Contest**. This is a wonderful way for students to demonstrate their language skills

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📍 John Lewis Student Center, Georgia Institute of Technology

📅 March 21, 2025, 10:00am-2:30pm

Events include:

- [Poetry Recitation](#)
- [Extemporaneous Speaking](#)
- [Dance or Musical Performance](#)
- [Original Artwork on cultural themes](#)

Please click below for registration links and schedule:


[School Registration](#), [Volunteer Registration](#), [Exhibitor Registration](#), [Schedule](#).


In Case You Missed It ...

Brazilian Cultural Studies Seminar

Study Abroad Programs

- Spring break Abroad in Emerging Markets – Doing Business in EM – the case of Brazil
- Students spend the Spring break in Brazil, company visits, lectures, case competition and cultural activities. FIFECAPI
- Firsthand exposure to different economic environments, cultural immersion.



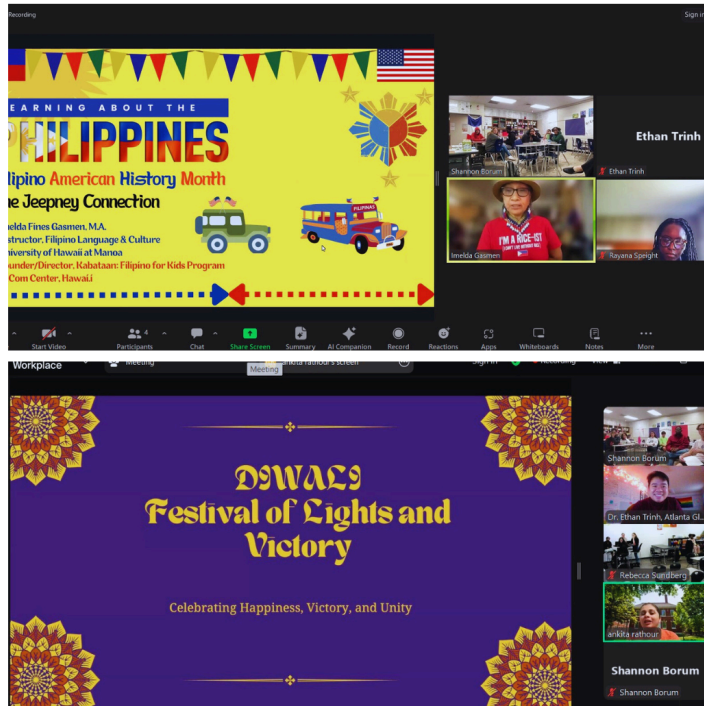


SD cosmetic company that bought avon And they are in the US selling online It's a very sustainable plant is an example in Latin America. So we deal with sustainability. The students get very impressed.

On October 22nd, AGSC and Universidade Federal de Sergipe (UFS) hosted the second session of “Talking Brazilian: A Cultural Studies Seminar”. Dr. Salomao De Farias, Professor of Marketing and International Business at GSU, led an insightful discussion on leveraging virtual exchange and COIL to maximize the study abroad experience alongside Dr. Cintia Araujo, a researcher on Diversity Management, Racial Relations, Marketing and Innovation at FIFECAPI School in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Recording is now live on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Virtual Culture Club



On October 18th and November 7th, AGSC and STaRLT hosted the third and fourth sessions of the **GOALIE Virtual Culture Club**, introducing global cultures to students and classrooms across Georgia. In the third session, Dr. Imelda Gasmen, instructor in the Filipino Language & Culture program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, led an engaging presentation on Filipino-American History Month. In the fourth session, Dr. Ankita Rathour, a Brittain Fellow at Georgia Tech, delivered an engaging presentation on the Diwali Festival.

The recordings are now live on our [YouTube](#) channel.

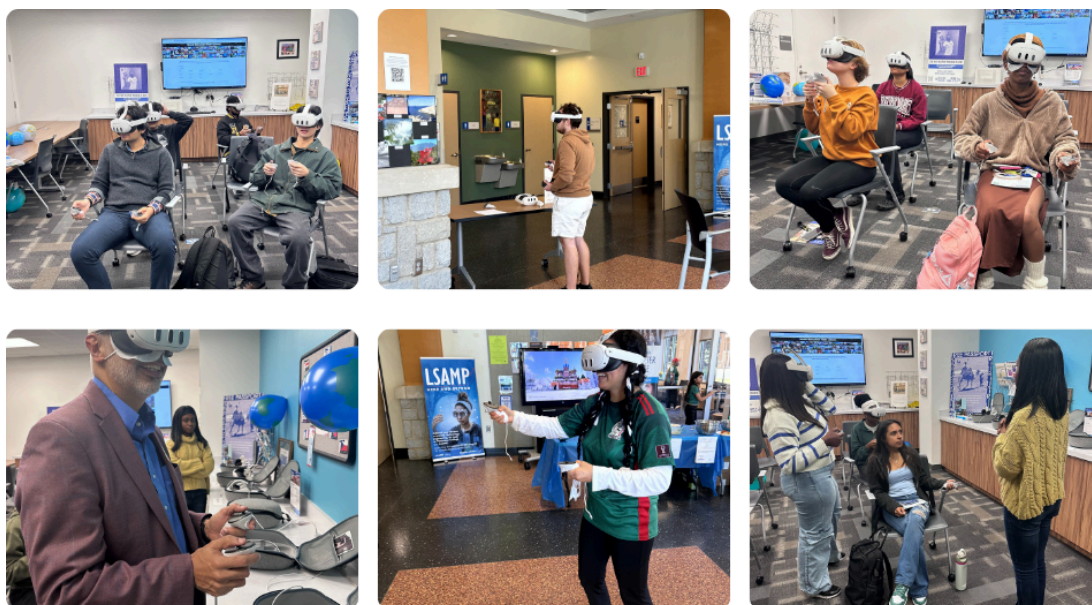
Hands-on Asia



On November 8th, the world came together at GSU Perimeter College for the Hands-on Asia event. In times that call for unity and understanding, students showcased the beauty of diverse cultures, languages, and connections.

Special thanks to Dr. Eric Kendrick, Associate Professor at Perimeter College, and the Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Indian Clubs for an inspiring celebration! AGSC is honored to have been part of this experience.

360 GLE Virtual Trial



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hands-on experience with Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, immersing themselves in 360° Global Learning Experiences (GLE). The interactive VR sessions are designed to broaden students' understanding of the world and promote cross-cultural awareness. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with immersive learning technology, bringing the world closer than ever before!

2024 Partner Breakfast



On November 19th, AGSC was delighted to co-host Global Atlanta's final Partner Breakfast of 2024, highlighting the impactful work of GSU's Office of International Initiatives. The event celebrated our strong commitment to fostering collaboration with local businesses and stakeholders across Georgia.

We shared updates and insights with our valued partners, including:

Atlanta Ballet, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Aprio, Atlanta International School, Invest Barbados, Miller & Martin PLLC, The Pendleton Group, The Manely Firm, Market Access International, SelectCobb, NRW Global Business, Paula Henao Real Estate Group, and IDA Ireland. Finally, we welcomed new partners: **Maia Samb (Puttogo Global Group) and the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.**

French Speakers Series - Felwine Sarr

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On November 22nd, AGSC was proud to co-sponsor **“Spaces of the Soul: Felwine Sarr on Literature, Music, and Dreams.”** Felwine Sarr, renowned scholar and artist, joined Stéphanie Boulard, Professor of French Literature and Visual Arts at Georgia Tech, for a captivating discussion on the connections between music, literature, and dreams. The conversation offered rich insights into Sarr’s creative process and the role of artistic forms in shaping our emotional and intellectual landscapes. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this inspiring event!

AGSC Strengthens Community Impact



AGSC is pleased to continue its support for the Community-Based Academic English Program at Georgia State University. This initiative empowers immigrant and refugee students with essential

developed critical digital skills to advance their opportunities and confidence. A big-shout out to Dr. [John Bunting](#) and [Robin Cathey](#) for their outstanding contributions!

Student Opportunities

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 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.*

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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.**

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 agsc@gatech.edu or agsc@gsu.edu.

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