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News and Announcements



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Atlanta Global Studies Symposium *Global Languages, Placemaking, and Identities*

FRIDAY College of Law
APR 4 Georgia State
2025 University

Panel discussions, keynote, and live performances, with reception to follow



1. Case Studies on Virtual Exchange
2. Languages and Global Careers
3. Seeing Atlanta: Memorials & Meaning
4. Leadership in Global Education
5. Mindfulness through the Arts
6. The SDGs and Global Leadership

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The Atlanta Global Studies Symposium is returning this year with a focus on **"Global Languages, Placemaking, and Identities"**. This annual symposium brings together researchers, educators, and community partners, as well as graduate and undergraduate students, to discuss topics of global and local significance and to foster interdisciplinary collaboration across institutions.

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See the [full program](#) here.

Click here to [register your interest](#).

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Call for Proposals - Atlanta Studies Symposium 2025



From Diaries to Data: The Unfolding Stories of Atlanta

Call for Proposals for 12th Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium

Throughout human history, from the earliest Cro-Magnons to today's virtual reality, we have used stories and narratives to communicate with each other. Stories are the way we process the vast amounts of information we receive into a coherent whole. From Sam Richards' diaries to "The City Too Busy to Hate" to the lyrics of OutKast, metro Atlanta has created and shaped its own narratives. But are those stories always true? Whose stories get told? And which stories should be told? What happens when the stories conflict? Do we tell of Atlanta as the "Black Mecca"? Or a metropolitan region with high levels of income inequality? Are we the City of Trees? Or a city that pays lip service to ecological concerns?

Click [here](#) for more information and the full Call for Proposals.

Dr. Anthony Lemieux's Insights on Radicalization and Terrorism

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Dr Anthony Lemieux, Founding Co-Director of AGSC and a terrorism expert at Georgia State University, recently provided key insights into the New Orleans attack. Speaking to WSB-TV Channel 2, Lemieux explained how terrorist groups often target individuals with military backgrounds, like suspect Shamsud Din Jabbar, to act on malicious intentions.

“Groups like ISIS and terrorist groups across the board, international or domestic, look for people with military background and capabilities, so they can have the capability to act on these bad intentions,” Lemieux said, adding that personal challenges, such as Jabbar’s financial struggles and divorce, can make individuals more vulnerable to radicalization. He emphasized that attacks in public spaces are often designed to shock and gain attention. Dr Anthony Lemieux’s expertise continues to illuminate the complexities of terrorism and radicalization for the broader community.

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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.

K-12 Virtual Culture Club - Lunar New Year

GT Georgia Tech Atlanta Global Studies Center Georgia State University STaRLT SMALL TOWN AND RURAL LANGUAGE TEACHERS

GOALIE
Georgia Online Alliance for
Languages, Interculturality, and Equity

Virtual
CULTURE
CLUB

AGSC and STaRLT are hosting virtual culture club meetings to introduce global cultures to K-12 students and classrooms around Georgia. Each club meeting includes a mini-presentation

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Our next session is coming up on January 23, when Dr Ji Ma will share with us about **Lunar New Year**.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Great Decisions Lecture Series



The 2025 Dunwoody Great Decisions Lecture Series, presented in partnership with Georgia Council of International Visitors, will take place via Zoom on Thursdays at 7:00 PM, February 6 – April 3, 2025. Become a member today!

Upcoming lectures:

- Feb 6 - Dr Jeannie Grussendorf (GSU) - **American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads**
- Feb 13 - Dr Stephen Collins (KSU) - **U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy**
- Feb 20 - Dr Yawei Liu (Carter Center) - **U.S.-China Relations**

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Community of Practice on Teaching with the SDGs

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Climate Change



Carol Subiño Sullivan

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Associate Vice Provost for Transformative Teaching & Learning and Executive Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning

The next session of the Community of Practice on Teaching with the SDGs, presented by the Higher Education Learning Community of RCE Greater Atlanta, will take place via Zoom on Friday, February 7, 11:30am-1pm. The session will focus on **“Hot Topics: Facilitating Respectful Conversations about Climate Change”**.

[Register here.](#)

Hindi Culture Celebration



Please join us for a celebration of Hindi Culture at the Consulate General of India in Atlanta. The evening event will include panel discussions, cultural performances, and a reception featuring Indian cuisine!

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Talking Brazilian: A Cultural Studies Seminar Series



AGSC is thrilled to continue our “Talking Brazilian: A Cultural Studies Seminar Series” on **Tuesday, February 25**. The event will feature **Hon. Alceu Mauricio Jr**, a Federal Judge in Brazil since 2001 and an expert in human rights and legal systems, presenting on "Human Rights, Legal Systems, and the Culture of the Law in Brazil and the US." Judge Mauricio, who holds advanced degrees in law and has served in various prestigious roles, brings a wealth of experience to this engaging discussion.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

In Case You Missed It ...

World Arabic Language Day

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In celebration of World Arabic Language Day 2024, the Arabic Teachers Council of the South (ATCS), coordinated by AGSC, helped students get recognized in a variety of ways. For example, **Clayton County Public Schools** featured the Arabic Language Day Competition and announced the winner, **Miss Keisha Glynn**, a sophomore at Jonesboro High School. This is the first time that the district has recognized any World Language Department since 2001. Students who submitted their artwork also received tote bags and certificates of participation to share with their peers and schools.

In addition, **Dr. Ethan Trinh**, Associate Director of AGSC, attended the annual ACTFL conference in Philadelphia, sponsored by Qatar Foundation International (QFI), to share the work of ATCS to other national councils. Importantly, AGSC also received a grant renewal from QFI to continue our work with ATCS in 2024-25!

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

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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.**

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.**

Other Opportunities

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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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