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Scott, Spelman, KSU, and Clark Atlanta University. Applications are open to teams of faculty and/or academic professionals from at least two of the seven AGREC member institutions.

Important Dates:

December 6, 2024: Fall Info Session

February 6 and March 6, 2025: Spring Info Sessions

April 18, 2025: Proposal Deadline

May 16, 2025: Notification of Pre-awards

Click here for the full [Call for Proposals](#) and [Application Form](#). Please visit [our website](#) for more details.

2024 IES Abroad Lifetime Achievement Award



Congratulations to Dr. 'Dimeji Togunde, Vice Provost for Global Education and Professor of International Studies at Spelman College, for receiving the **2024 IES Abroad Lifetime Achievement Award** as a trailblazer in Global Education. Dr. Togunde's career exemplifies visionary leadership in expanding opportunities for students of African descent and advancing diversity and inclusion in global education. His influence extends well beyond Spelman. Through his involvement with the AGSC, Cultural Vistas, Diversity Abroad, and more, he has championed internationalization across higher education. His legacy of dedication, innovation, and student-centered programming will continue to shape the field for generations to come.

New Publication - Linguistics for High Schools



AGSC would like to congratulate **Dr. Hongchen Wu** on the publication of her latest article in the *Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America*! This article highlights the work of the grant project, sponsored by AGSC, which she co-leads with Dr. Kyoko Masuda, titled "**Introducing Linguistics to Atlanta High School Students.**" This project aims to engage and inspire young minds by bringing the fascinating field of linguistics to local high school students, fostering new pathways for understanding language and communication.

Read the full article [here](#).

SDG Futures Fellows Announced



RCE Greater Atlanta is proud to announce that seven talented students have been selected for this year's SDG Futures Fellowship, which kicked off on Saturday, November 9th.

The selected fellows are:

- Karrington Garrett (KSU)
- Cherry Nallamalli (GT)
- Nneka Otuonye (GSU)
- Genesis Price (Spelman)
- Mae Ratliff (GGC)

With support from AGSC, these students will have the opportunity to work on a variety of projects related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The fellowship program will provide them with valuable professional experience, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

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

Upcoming Events

GSU World Languages Day



A Global Career Expo Presented by the Center for Urban Language Teaching and Research (CULTR)

The 10th Annual World Languages Day will take place this year on **Thursday, November 14** at Georgia State University. Supported in part by AGSC, this global career expo will bring together organization representatives from businesses, non-profits, government, and education to connect with over 1,000 high school and college students about the global skills essential to their industries.

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

Sustainable Development Research Seminar

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"Knowledge- and data-driven environmental justice analyses of Proctor Creek watershed, Atlanta GA"

AGSC and the RCE Greater Atlanta Higher Education Learning Community are excited to host the third session of the Fall 2024 Sustainable Development Research Seminar on November 15th, with a paper by **Armita Davarpanah**, Assistant Professor of Environmental & Health Sciences at **Spelman College**.

Friday, November 15th, 12pm-1:15pm

Science Center Auditorium, Spelman College, and hybrid via Zoom

Please click [HERE](#) to register.

French Speakers Series - Felwine Sarr



"Spaces of the Soul: Felwine Sarr on Literature, Music, and Dreams" in conversation with Stéphanie Boulard, co-sponsored by AGSC.

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practices, examining how artistic forms — such as musical composition, poetry, and narrative fiction— shape and express our emotional and intellectual landscapes. He will be in conversation with Stéphanie Boulard, Professor of French Literature and Visual Arts at Georgia Tech.

Thursday, November 22, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM, followed by reception and book signing, 6-6:30pm
Scholars Event Theater, Rm 1280, Price Gilbert Library, Georgia Tech

Please [register here!](#)

Arabic Language Day - Art Competition



The poster is for the Arabic Language Day - Art Competition. It features a dark blue background with intricate golden Arabic calligraphy and geometric patterns. At the top, it says 'اليوم العالمي للغة العربية' (International Arabic Language Day) and 'DEC 18 2024'. Logos for the Arabic Teachers Council of the South, Georgia Tech, Atlanta Global Studies Center, and Georgia State University are present. The text invites participants to celebrate the beauty of the Arabic language and culture through art and calligraphy. It lists competition details: Theme: The Art of Arabic Language and Culture; Categories: Calligraphy & Visual Art (Inspired by Arabic Culture). Important dates include a submission deadline of November 22nd, 2024, and winners announced on December 2nd, 2024. A QR code is provided for more details, and contact information for Dr. Ethan Trinh, AGSC Associate Director, is listed at the bottom right.

Arabic Teachers Council of the South (ATCS), coordinated by AGSC, is excited to announce an Arabic Art Competition for our students in celebration of Arabic Language Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their creativity and deepen their connection to the Arabic language and culture through artistic expression.

Competition details:

- Theme: The Art of Arabic Language and Culture
- Categories: Calligraphy & Visual Art (Inspired by Arabic Culture)
- Participants: K-12 and college students
- Award: \$100 gift card/each level. Total 4 gift cards given
- Evaluation Criteria: creativity, cultural relevance, artistic skill, and presentation. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Important dates:

- Submission deadline: November 22nd, 2024

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Please see examples in the [submission folder](#) here.

Fighting for Freedom of Expression in Putin's Russia



AGSC is pleased to co-sponsor an inspiring talk by **Tatiana Voltskaya**, entitled “**Deserters of the Empire**”. A Radio Liberty journalist and poet, she will share her experience of fighting for freedom of expression in Putin's Russia and read some of her poems.

Monday, December 2, 2024, 11 am- 12:15 am, online via Zoom

Please click [HERE](#) to register.

In Case You Missed It ...

Arc of Justice



The Arc of Justice Foundation hosted its impactful pre-inaugural event, **"We Can't Keep Living Like This,"** as part of the **IDEAS EX+CHANGE** series on October 10, 2024, at Georgia State University's Centennial Hall. The event brought together an engaged audience for a timely discussion on violence as a social dynamic in civic discourse.

Dr. Tony Lemieux, AGSC Co-Director, and renowned expert **Dr. Apryl Alexander** led the conversation, offering insightful analysis and proven strategies to mitigate the rising tide of violence in our communities. Their thought-provoking presentations highlighted the need for collective action to address this urgent issue.

The evening concluded with a lively reception where participants continued the discussion and exchanged ideas. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this important conversation!

AGSC at Atlanta Indian Film Festival

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As part of AGSC’s commitment to promoting Hindi language and culture in Atlanta, Dr. Ethan Trinh, AGSC Associate Director, recently represented the center at the **2024 Atlanta Indian Film Festival (AIFF)**. Through the support of [Global Atlanta](#) and the [Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce \(GIACC\)](#), AGSC had the honor of engaging with influential filmmakers and their thought-provoking work.

During the festival, Dr. Ethan Trinh had meaningful exchanges with inspiring storytellers like Prerna Saraff Chauhan, a social justice-oriented filmmaker, who emphasized the power of storytelling to open up different conversations with families and friends. Dr. Trinh also attended the feature debut of “[Blue Sunshine](#)”, a powerful film by a talented writer-actress-director Samyuktha Vijayan, which poignantly centers on Bhanu, a transgender teacher navigating her transition journey. This resonated deeply and inspired Dr. Trinh to continue the work with LGBTQ+ community, teachers, and students around the world.

US Department of Education and AAC&U Conference

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AGSC Associate Director, Dr. Ethan Trinh, visited the **U.S. Department of Education** to discuss our shared work and upcoming plans to support global language learning education. AGSC is grateful for tremendous support and guidance from the US Dept of Ed to support the center's mission and vision.

On behalf of Dr. Tony Lemieux (Co-Director of AGSC) and Dr. Yali Zhao (Head of International Virtual Exchange Programs at OII), Dr. Trinh presented their collaborative work titled "**Global Engagement through Virtual Exchange Programs: Evidence-based collaborative efforts**" at the **2024 AAC&U Global Learning Conference**. On another important note, our VE work at GSU was also featured as a great model to share with colleagues at AAC&U. Kudos to amazing work of faculty at GSU, especially Dr. Yali Zhao and David Yenerall.

China's Media Offensive in the Global South

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On October 28th, 2024, the Atlanta Global Studies Center, the Carter Center, and the China Research Center of Atlanta brought together an innovative panel of experts on the theme of **"China's Media Offensive in the Global South: An Assessment"**. Panelists included **Dr. Maria Repnikova**, Associate Professor at GSU, who discussed China's media reach into Africa by drawing on her fieldwork in Ethiopia; **Dr. Abbos Bobohonov**, head of the Asia-Pacific Studies Center at the Institute for Advanced International Studies in Tashkent, and a Fulbright Fellow at Georgia State, introduced China's media politics in Central Asia; and **Igor Patrick**, a Brazilian journalist, currently at the South China Morning Post, talked about his recent book on Chinese propaganda in Latin America.

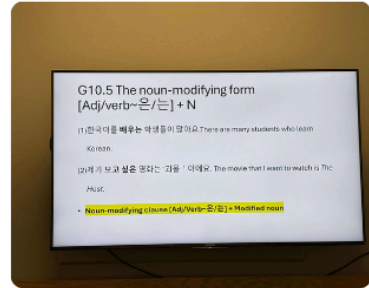
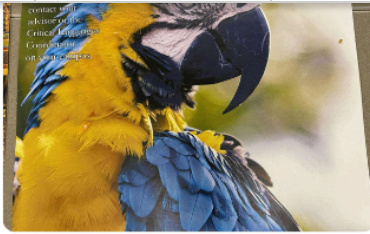
The recording is now live on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Critical Languages at Perimeter College

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On October 29th, Dr. Ethan Trinh, Associate Director, visited Perimeter College with **Dr. Lauri Goodling**, Associate Dean of PC, and Andrea DiBenardo, Associate Professor and Critical Language Coordinator. In this visit, they discussed the possibility to continue support for Critical Language Instruction at Perimeter College and attended a couple of small-group language instruction classes there. AGSC is excited to continue this support to benefit students and faculty at PC to advance language instructions in the future.

“Feeling with My Inner Child: Transcending Memories to Recreating Futures in Meditative Queering Spacetime”



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workshop as part of the M.A. in Creative and Innovative Education at GSU's College of Education and Human Development. Instead of a conventional lecture, Dr. Trinh led an impactful session on "queer walking meditation," a practice they've been developing, entitled **"Feeling with My Inner Child: Transcending Memories to Recreating Futures in Meditative Queering Spacetime"**. Dr. Trinh shared personal reflections on life as a Vietnamese queer child and their journey of living, writing, and researching in nepantla, an in-between space.

IEW at Newton Campus



On November 11th, Dr. Trinh had a fulfilling visit to **Perimeter College's Newton Campus**. They had the honor of judging student posters on immigration topics, engaging in honest conversations with students about the power of multilingualism and the transition from college to careers, and enjoying a delicious meal prepared by a talented chef. Dr. Trinh also participated in discussions with faculty about 360 GLE and other collaborative funding opportunities at AGSC. Special shout-out to **Stephanie Langston** for her incredible work in coordinating all the activities.

Student Opportunities

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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.**

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

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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