

Georgia Council for International Visitors
Citizen Diplomacy Lunch
June 30, 2011

G CIV invites you to be our guest at the next

Citizen Diplomacy Lunch
Thursday, June 30, 2011
12:00 - 1:30 PM

W Atlanta - Downtown
Studio 5
45 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Presentation by Vicki Flier Hudson
"The Spirit of U.S. Culture: Self-Awareness as a Powerful Tool for Intercultural Success"

Cultural anthropologist Edward T. Hall once asked how a fish could possibly know what water is when it has never been out of water? Our culture, however we define it, becomes the air we breathe, the water we swim in. Our behaviors are defined by the cultural lenses through which we see the world and twenty years ago that limited view was enough. In today's world, we cannot afford to be satisfied with skimming the surface of culture; we must dive into its depths, and the best place to start is with one's own culture. In this interactive session we will explore the spirit and motivation behind U.S. culture, as well as the "why's" of U.S. American behaviors. We will look at history, communication styles, regions of the U.S., and more. This will then be taken into a larger global context to discuss why experience and even language fluency are not predictors of intercultural capability, and how culture is viewed around the world. Those raised in the U.S. will gain a fascinating perspective on their own culture, and those raised outside the U.S. will learn more about their friends, clients, and counterparts. Come join the discussion!

There is no cost to attend, but you must be a current G CIV member and RSVP in advance. RSVPs are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and seating is limited. Not a member? Unsure about your membership status? Please contact Nicole Rateau by email nicole@gciv.org or phone 404-832-5560 x 17 by June 24, 2011 to [join](#) or renew an expired [membership](#) and we will register you for the *Citizen Diplomacy Lunch* at that time.

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The Georgia Council for International Visitors builds relationships between the people of our state and leaders around the world. Our vision is that every Georgia citizen has the opportunity to be more globally engaged.

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