

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD

about the georgia council for international visitors

GCIV 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. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to “connecting Georgians to the world” since 1962. GCIV works with the U.S. Department of State to develop a broad spectrum of professional and cultural exchange programs for emerging global leaders. Our non-partisan citizen diplomacy programs provide Georgians with unique opportunities to share best practices, insights and friendship with distinguished visitors to the United States.

GCIV administers the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in the state of Georgia. Launched in 1940, the IVLP seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed professional visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. U.S. ambassadors consistently rank the IVLP as the most effective program in a long list of public diplomacy tools at their disposal. GCIV is one of 90 community-based organizations around the country that implement this impressive program on behalf of the U.S. government. In 2001 the national network, National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to foster international understanding.



Since the program's inception, almost 300 participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) have gone on to serve as heads of government and chiefs of state, including:

Hamid Karzai, *Afghanistan*

Gordon Brown, *United Kingdom*

Anwar Sadat, *Egypt*

Nicolas Sarkozy, *France*

Mikheil Saakashvili, *Georgia*

Indira Gandhi, *India*

Adnan Badran, *Jordan*

Mwai Kibaki, *Kenya*

Felipe Calderon, *Mexico*

Kim Dae-Jung, *South Korea*

Frederik de Klerk, *South Africa*

Oscar Arias, *Costa Rica*

2012 international visitor programs

In fiscal year 2012, GCIV welcomed 611 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 69 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of 20 or more. Participants represented 136 different countries.

The delegations hosted by GCIV were quite a varied group, including public health officials, lawyers, judges, civil servants, NGO and arts representatives, business executives, educators, journalists, elected officials, community activists, environmental advocates, musicians,

entrepreneurs, students, engineers, archaeologists and curators. In addition to coordinating programs for the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), GCIV has attracted a wide variety of fee-for-service (FFS) programs. While very similar in substance to the IVLP, these programs are funded separately. In the past year, GCIV completed programs for Cultural Vistas, FHI360, Fulbright, the Graduate School, Institute of International Education, Meridian International Center, Mississippi Consortium for International Development, and World Learning.

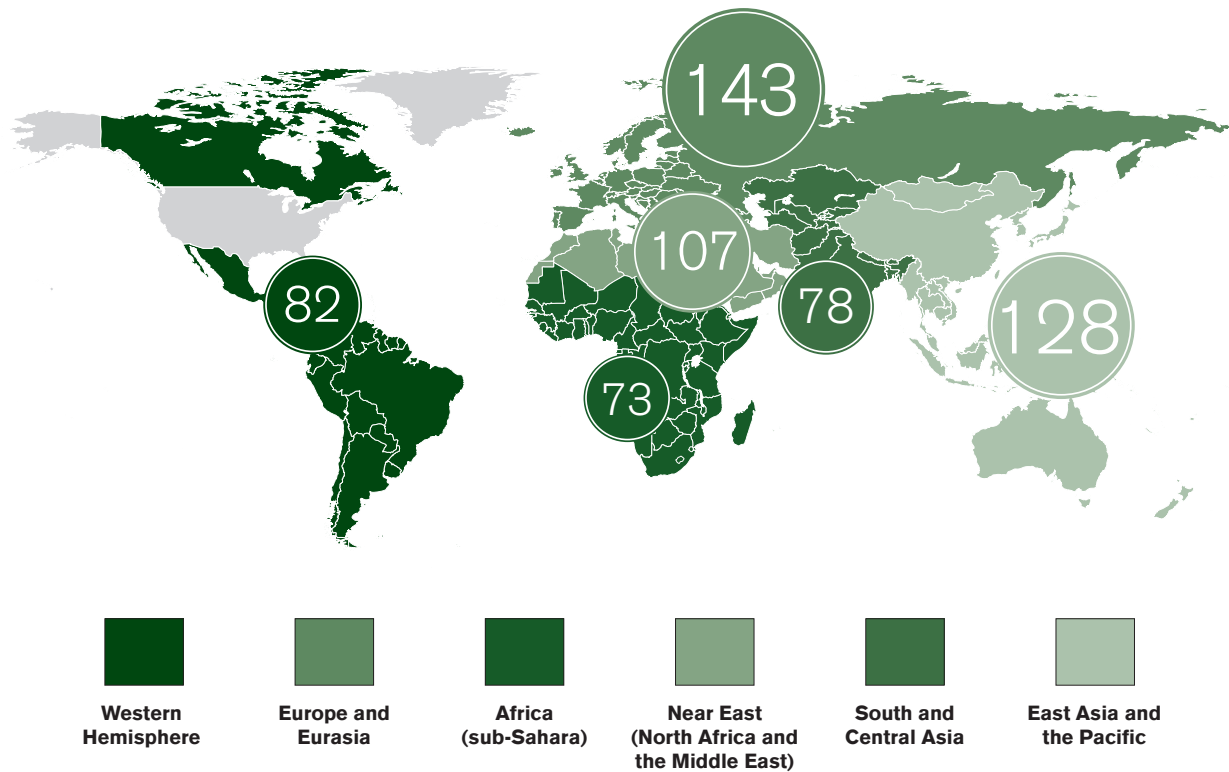
FY 2012 IVLP Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	12	88
2	15	78
3	18	84
4	19	108
totals	64	358

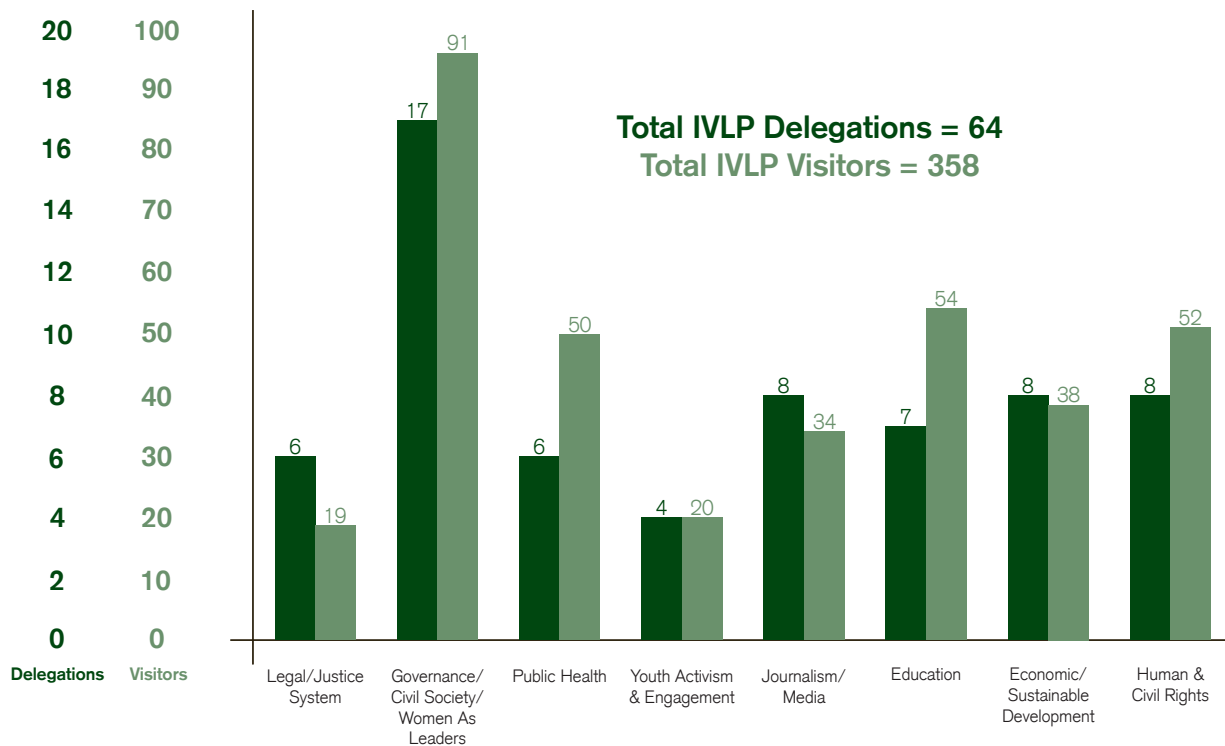
FY 2012 FFS Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	2	80
2	2	148
3	0	0
4	1	25
totals	5	253

International Visitors by World Region



IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus



gciv international exchange participants

GCIV welcomed delegations from 136 countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2012.

Below are the countries represented and the number of visitors:

Afghanistan	6	Guatemala	2	Poland	4
Albania	1	Guinea	2	Portugal	2
Algeria	2	Haiti	2	Republic of South Sudan	1
Angola	1	Honduras	1	Romania	3
Argentina	5	Hungary	6	Russia	40
Australia	1	India	22	Rwanda	2
Austria	2	Indonesia	21	Saudi Arabia	28
Azerbaijan	2	Iraq	4	Senegal	5
Bahrain	2	Ireland	1	Serbia	2
Bangladesh	3	Israel	11	Sierra Leone	1
Belarus	5	Italy	3	Singapore	3
Belgium	3	Jamaica	2	Slovak Republic	1
Benin	1	Japan	4	Slovenia	1
Bermuda	6	Jordan	5	South Africa	7
Bhutan	1	Kazakhstan	8	South Korea	3
Brazil	18	Kenya	4	Spain	4
Bulgaria	9	Laos	2	Sri Lanka	4
Burkina Faso	1	Latvia	1	St. Lucia	1
Burma	4	Lebanon	1	Sudan	1
Cambodia	4	Liberia	2	Swaziland	1
Cameroon	1	Libya	9	Sweden	1
Canada	2	Macedonia	1	Syria	2
Cape Verde	1	Madagascar	1	Taiwan	4
Chad	1	Malawi	2	Tajikistan	5
Chile	4	Malaysia	3	Tanzania	1
Colombia	3	Maldives	1	Thailand	8
Costa Rica	1	Mali	1	Timor-Leste	1
Cote d'Ivoire	1	Mauritania	2	Togo	1
Croatia	2	Mexico	11	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Curaçao	1	Mongolia	1	Tunisia	7
Cyprus	3	Morocco	9	Turkey	5
Czech Republic	2	Mozambique	8	Turkmenistan	5
Denmark	1	Nepal	5	Tuvalu	1
Dominican Republic	2	Netherlands	3	Uganda	6
Ecuador	1	New Zealand	3	Ukraine	4
Egypt	10	Nicaragua	1	United Arab Emirates	5
El Salvador	1	Niger	1	United Kingdom	3
Estonia	2	Nigeria	9	Uruguay	3
Ethiopia	2	Oman	4	Uzbekistan	8
Finland	3	Pakistan	10	Venezuela	1
France	7	Palestinian Territories	5	Vietnam	5
Georgia	4	Panama	1	West Bank	2
Germany	13	Paraguay	1	Yemen	1
Ghana	5	People's Republic of China	53	Zimbabwe	1
Greece	6	Peru	3		
Grenada	1	Philippines	7		

complete list of delegations

October 25-29 - Kazakhstan

Four Lawyers and Judges
Focus: Promoting Rule of Law and Judicial Reform

October 28 - November 2 - India

Five Professors and Lecturers
Focus: American Studies

October 29 - November 2 - Middle East and North Africa

Twelve Lawyers and NGO Leaders
Focus: Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness

November 2-6 - Uzbekistan

Three Forensic Bureau Representatives and One Forensic Expert
Focus: Forensic Science

November 2-6 - Fulbright

Seventy-Four Fulbright Scholars
Focus: Democracy and Human Rights

November 2-8 - Eurasia

Nine Edward R. Murrow Fellows
Focus: Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists

November 6-9 - Belarus

Five Journalists
Focus: Promoting Civil Society through New Media

November 16-19 - International Delegation

Twenty-One Delegates
Focus: Higher Education

November 30 - December 3 - Turkmenistan

Four Ministry of Transportation Officials
Focus: Transportation

December 1-6 - Mongolia

One Civil Rights Lawyer
Focus: Rule of Law

December 1-6 - Russia

Five Healthcare Professionals
Focus: Social Issues and Healthcare

December 11-14 - Russia

Seven University Representatives
Focus: Administration of Multi-Campus Universities

December 13-17 - Saudi Arabia

Thirteen Government Officials
Focus: Human Trafficking

December 20-24 - Tajikistan

Four NGO Leaders
Focus: Youth Leadership in America

January 22-25 - South East Asia

Seven Public Health Officials
Focus: Public Health

January 25-28 - Spain

Thirteen University Officials
Focus: Human and Minority Rights

February 1-4 - Brazil

Seven Public Officials, NGO and Law Enforcement Representatives
Focus: Law Enforcement



February 4-9 - Near East and North Africa

Four Public Officials and Teachers
Focus: Women Sports and Wellness

February 7-11 - Saudi Arabia

Ten Professors and University Representatives
Focus: Religious and Public Education

February 9-14 - International Delegation

One Presidential Advisor, Diplomatic Media Correspondent, Political Party Member and Democratic Consultant
Focus: Presidential Primaries

February 10 - Fulbright

One-Hundred Forty Fulbright Scholars
Focus: Dinner Hospitality

February 11-15 - Mozambique

Five Ministry of Health Officials, One Journalist, One Clinical Trial Unit Head and One Columbia University ICAP Manager
Focus: HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases

February 21-25 - Libya

Four NGO Leaders
Focus: Civil Society and NGO Management

February 21-25 - South Africa

Six NGO Leaders
Focus: NGO Capacity Building

February 22-25 - Greece

One NGO President and Two Public Officials
Focus: Integration of Migrant Muslim Youth



complete list of delegations

February 26-29 - Israel

One Master's Scholar and IVLP Alumna
Focus: IVLP Gold Star

February 28 - March 3 - Bermuda

Six Financial Representatives
Focus: U.S. Entrepreneurship

March 14-17 - Poland

Four Police Human Rights Advisers and Plenipotentiaries
Focus: Combating Hate Crimes

March 14-20 - International Delegation

Ten NGO Coordinators, University Representatives and Government Officials
Focus: Role of NGOs in Promoting Global Women's Issues

March 17-21 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Six Delegates
Focus: Women as Political Leaders

March 24-28 - South and Central Asia

Seven NGO and Government Representatives
Focus: Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness

April 21-25 - France

Three NGO Directors and One Deputy Mayor
Focus: Youth-At-Risk

April 24-28 - International Delegation

Twenty-Three NGO and Government Representatives
Focus: Volunteerism in the U.S.



May 5-9 - Bulgaria

Six NGO and Government Representatives
Focus: Minority Integration

May 6-9 - Georgia

Four Business Directors and Entrepreneurs
Focus: Business Women

May 9-15 - Near East Asia

Six Nurses and Midwives
Focus: Advances in Contemporary Nursing

May 16-22 - Thailand

One Social Worker
Focus: Children in the Justice System

May 23-26 - Germany

One City Council Member and One Government Representative
Focus: Urban Growth and Sustainability

May 28 - June 1 - Kazakhstan

Three Government Officials and One NGO Chairperson
Focus: Anti-Trafficking

June 3-6 - Hungary

Two NGO Leaders, One Social Worker, and One University Lecturer
Focus: Promoting Tolerance and Minority Rights

June 12-16 - Greece

One Journalist
Focus: Law and Order, Illegal Migration

June 12-17 - France

One NGO Leader
Focus: Social Entrepreneurship

June 13-16 - Brazil

Two Communications Advisors and One Graphic Designer
Focus: Blogging for Social Change

June 19-22 - Russia

Five Chief Physicians and One Chief of the Red Cross
Focus: TB Control and Case Management

June 23-28 - Indonesia

One Government Official, One Medical Consultant, and One UNICEF Officer
Focus: Health Engagement

July 4-7 - Netherlands

One Attorney
Focus: Civil Aviation Law

July 4-7 - Nigeria

Four Government Officials
Focus: Historic Preservation

complete list of delegations

July 4-10 - China

Seven Physicians

Focus: Public Health

July 8-11 - International Delegation

One Government Official, One University Professors, and Four NGO Leaders

Focus: Cultural Heritage Preservation

July 11-15 - China

One Attorney, One University Professor, One NGO Director, and One Retail Manager

Focus: Labor Rights

July 19-24 - International Delegation

Seven Broadcast Journalists

Focus: TV/Broadcast Journalism

July 24-28 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Fifteen Agricultural Engineers and Farmers

Focus: Farm To Table

July 8-11 - European Union

One Advisor to the Council of Europe

Focus: Advancing Human Rights

July 25-28 - International Delegation

Twenty Health Clinic Directors, Government Officials and NGO Leaders

Focus: Public Health

August 4-8 - Mexico

Four NGO Directors and Coordinators, One Bilingual Agent, One Youth Coalition Chair, and One Radio Host

Focus: LGBT Rights

August 8-11 - Brazil

Three Business Executives, One Director, One Chief of Staff, and One University Professor

Focus: Innovation to Market

July 19-24 - Thailand

Seven Broadcast Journalists

Focus: Investigative Journalism

August 15-18 - Uruguay

One Alternate Congressman and One Economic Manager

Focus: U.S. Political Parties

August 28 - September 2 - Libya

One Human Rights Advisor to the Council of Europe

Focus: The Transition Period - Justice and Reconciliation

September 2-6 - Israel and Palestine

Seven Youth Sport Coaches and Instructors, One Project Manager and One NGO Founder

Focus: Coaching Youth Sports

September 9-12 - Brazil

One Television Producer

Focus: Investigative Journalism

September 14-18 - China

Five Bureau Chiefs and Directors, One NGO Executive, and One Documentary Film Maker

Focus: Transportation

September 16-19 - Senegal

Three Research Directors

Focus: Business Schools

September 16-19 - China

Five Bureau Chiefs and Directors, One NGO Executive, and One Documentary Film Maker

Focus: Sustainable Development

September 17-20 - China

Seven NGO Directors, Managers, and Coordinators

Focus: NGO Management

September 26-29 - Russia

Four Directors of Research and Innovation Divisions and Two Institute Researchers

Focus: Incentives for Research and Development

September 26 - October 2 - India

Four News Editors and One News Producer

Focus: Journalism and U.S. Foreign Policy

September 30 - October 3 - Indonesia

Five Community Leaders and Activists

Focus: Empowering Local Communities

October 7-10 - Belgium

One University Researcher

Focus: Minority Empowerment

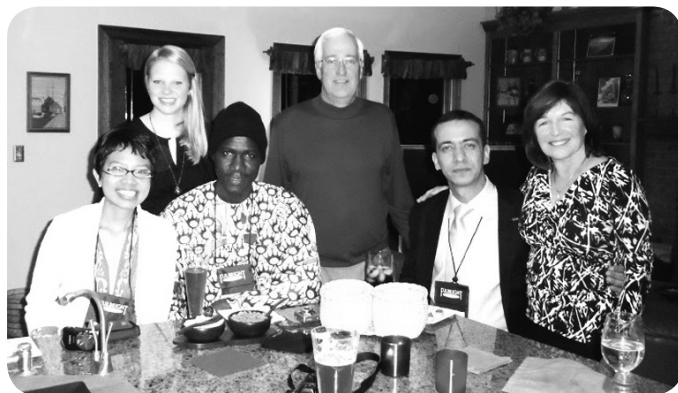


fulbright

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) sponsors enrichment seminars, conferences and workshops across the United States as part of its flagship Fulbright Program. These enrichment activities, an integral part of the Fulbright experience, benefit the more than 800 Fulbright Visiting Scholars, who are faculty and professionals from over 155 countries that have received Fulbright Scholar grants for advanced research and university lecturing in the United States, and support the Fulbright Program's overall mission – to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Institute of International Education (IIE) administers the enrichment seminar program under the guidance of and in consultation with ECA.



GCIV hosted two Fulbright programs in fiscal year 2012. In November 2011, GCIV organized a full four-day seminar event focusing on democracy, human rights, women's issues and trafficking in persons. Visiting Scholars attended plenary sessions, panel discussions and workshops in partnership with such prestigious institutions as Emory University, University of Georgia, numerous NGOs and reputable scholars. In addition, scholars participated in cultural excursions, walking tours of some of Atlanta's most notable historic sites and plenty of interaction with the GCIV network including International Dining Experiences and dinner hospitality with 20 GCIV hosts.



The second Fulbright event involved an evening of dinner hospitality. Over 30 GCIV hosts invited 140 Visiting Fulbright Scholars. For many students, this is their only opportunity to spend an evening in an American home. The Fulbrighters consistently rank this evening as one of their most important experiences in the United States.



open world

In December 2011, GCIV hosted an Open World delegation of five healthcare professionals and civic leaders from Russia, who examined social issues and healthcare in the U.S. Open World enables emerging Eurasian political and civic leaders to work with their U.S. counterparts and experience American-style democracy at the local level.

While in Atlanta, the delegates were hosted by Jessie Bond and Ray Glier, Jim and Carol Dew, Carole Kallansrude, Lee Pasackow and Sucheta Rawal and Dipak Rath. The Russian visitors met with representatives from community organizations including Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Georgia Department of Public Health, Global Health Action, MedShare, St. Joseph's Mercy Mobile Healthcare, Steffas & Associates, P.C. and Voices for Georgia's Children. They had the opportunity to meet Georgia State Senator Renee Unterman, Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall, members of the Atlanta Consular Corps, GCIV members and staff in both Senator Chambliss's and Isakson's offices. In addition, they toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, CNN and the Georgia State Capitol as well as participated in a "Today I Met ..." school visit at Tucker High School. The delegation took a weekend excursion to Savannah, where they participated in a dolphin tour and dined with local GCIV volunteers.

atlanta summit on citizen diplomacy

This event series honors and informs three key groups of citizen diplomats: professional meeting hosts, home hospitality hosts, and educators.

The first event of the series honored one of our outstanding professional hosts over the years, Joe Beasley, Southern Region Director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. The luncheon was held at the Carter Center and featured a keynote address by Diane Crow, Community Relations Branch Chief in the Office of International Visitors at the U.S. Department of State. The second ASCD event recognized our outstanding home hospitality hosts, Ron and Bethany Lane, at a dinner reception at Double Zero Napoletana. Sucheta Rawal of Go Eat Give delivered a presentation on the importance of cultural diplomacy. The final event honored Bob McCormick, a high school German teacher for his incredible work connecting our visitors with his students. The presentation was made by U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, who also spoke on the importance of an international perspective through education.



envoy

Envoy provides a forum for Metro Atlanta's young professionals interested in international affairs to network and socialize. GCIV offers special events to engage young members and give visiting delegations the chance to socialize with Georgia's next generation of leaders.

In fiscal year 2012 Envoy members attended an Atlanta City Council Advisory Committee on International Relations meeting, a welcome reception for the Filipino Ambassador to the U.S. at the residence of the Honorary Consul General of the Philippines in Atlanta, a personally-guided tour of the Mandala Exhibit at the Carlos Museum on the campus of Emory University, a rooftop casual supper in downtown Atlanta with an international delegation of TV and broadcast journalists, and the annual Envoy planning meeting and reception at the Commerce Club with an African delegation of women NGO leaders as invited guests.



global lunch forums

Meet leaders in a variety of fields from all over the world for a lunchtime dialogue. Here everyone has a chance to share opinions about local and international issues. Participants hear first-hand accounts of current events abroad from distinguished guests and have the chance to engage in discussion.

The international guests share their work with local citizens and then an engaging discussion begins. The conversation ranges from the visitors' profession, homeland and experiences, to relating common issues in the United States and abroad.

GCIV organized several Global Lunch Forums for nearly 100 participants in fiscal year 2012. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included the Impact of the IVLP Program in Israel, Social Entrepreneurship in France, and Humanitarian Work in Cambodia.



great decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Great Decisions Program. In this role we organize discussion groups and a complementary lecture series that give participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. Topics change annually, and are based on the Foreign Policy Association's non-partisan briefing book. Over 300 people participated in the GCIV Foreign Policy Lecture Series. In addition, there were approximately 20 discussion groups across the state. These community groups met in metro Atlanta, Decatur, Dunwoody, Kennesaw, Marietta, McDonough and Roswell as well as in Athens, Big Canoe, Carrollton, Columbus and Demorest.

2012 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

January 19 - Middle East Realignment

Sandra Mackey, award-winning writer on Middle Eastern culture and politics

January 26 - Promoting Democracy

Dr. Carrie Manning, Department Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University

February 2 - Mexico

Dr. Jennie Lincoln, Coca-Cola Eminent Practitioner and Part-time Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 9 - Cybersecurity

Dr. George A. "Fred" Wright, Principal Research Engineer, Cyber Technology and Information Security Laboratory, Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI)

February 16 - State of the Oceans

Dr. Emanuele Di Lorenzo, Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 23 - Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq

Dr. Larry Rubin, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology

March 1 - Indonesia

Dr. Richard Doner, Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University

March 8 - Energy Geopolitics

Dr. Jay Hakes, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum



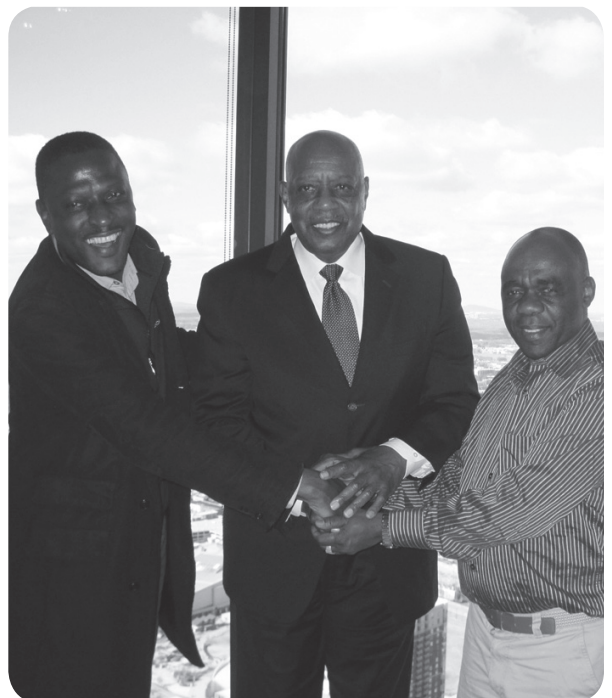
hosting

GCIV offers the chance to meet emerging world leaders on both a personal and professional level. Home hospitality allows visitors to teach hosts about their home countries, have a meal in an American home, and participate in lively after-dinner discussions. Professional meetings provide a setting for an exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices between leaders from around the world and their counterparts in Georgia. These encounters often lead to lasting friendships and professional collaborations with colleagues abroad.



**'People are generous, warm,
welcoming with great sense of
hospitality. That makes all the
difference.'**

*- Ms. Omezzine Khelifa,
2012 IVLP Participant, Tunisia*



global learning & networking

All GCIV professional resources and dinner hosts are volunteers. While we are not able to list all 500 professional resources, we would like to thank them all for their time and hospitality. Thanks also to the many GCIV members who hosted one or more international visitors by sharing a meal and opening their homes in FY 2012:

Karen Adams
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Ron & Bethany Lane
Renee Libby
N'dine Lockhart
Leann Malone
Sandra McQueen
Mel Meadows & Greg Heinrich
Opal Moore
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Laurie Nichols
David & Mila Numan
Emily O'Harris
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Josh & Liza Rowan
Ted & Cindy Runyon
Mary & Jeff Sellers
Fay & John Selvage
Daniel Shorr
Carol Stephens
Shell Stuart & Ed Dreistadt
Richard & Dorothy Sussman
Bruce & Sharon Taylor
Jeet & Ash Thakker
Laura Tordella
Sheila Tschinkel
Michael Twomey
Anitha Vadavatha
Vicki Van Der Hoek
Patricia & Geoff Webber
Miller & Carolyn Williams
Jessica Wolff
Lani Wong
Sara & Steve Yurman
Lynn Zappone



international consular ball

Each year GCIV honors the Consular Corps during Atlanta's premier international event, attended by business and civic leaders throughout the metro region.

The 31st Annual International Consular Ball was held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Cherokee Town Club. Governor Nathan Deal and his wife hosted a VIP reception prior to the ball at his private residence for all members of the Consular Corps. Ball guests enjoyed perfect springtime weather, live jazz music, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and a fine dinner featuring a GCIV 50th anniversary cake.

Silent auction winnings and raffle prize donations raised funds to support GCIV's work to build international understanding and cooperation. GCIV extends special thanks to the corporate partners and patrons for their support of GCIV's citizen diplomacy work and the 31st Annual International Consular Ball, as well as our formidable Consular Ball Chairs, Bruce & Sharon Taylor and Miller & Carolyn Williams.



global learning & networking

international dining experiences

International Dining Experiences give members the chance to meet visiting delegations in a more informal, social environment. IDEs take place at a different ethnic restaurant around the 15th of every month. Members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors as an introduction to GCIV. Many of our hosts enjoy this opportunity to meet other members while sampling exotic cuisines. In fiscal year 2012, GCIV organized ten IDEs involving over 250 guests. GCIV also hosted world-wide delegations of CNN Journalism Fellows at three of the IDEs. Restaurants included Azio, Cafe Bombay Indian Bistro, Max Lager's, Merry Mac's Tea Room, Mezza, Nicola's Lebanese Restaurant, No Mas! Cantina, Osteria del Figo, Penang Malaysian, and Violette.



international women associates

Formed in 1978, IWA brings together women from all countries to build friendships and help international newcomers become oriented to life in Atlanta through a network of support and activities. Other members are North Americans who have lived abroad or have interests in international affairs. Monthly programs on cultural and educational topics enhance the personal and professional growth of the members and promote understanding of other cultures and goodwill.

The 2011-12 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on kosher foods and Israeli customs, the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission, Austria, Iceland, and Canada. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.



internship program

GCIV's internship program enables the organization to more effectively partner with universities by offering practical experience to students. In addition to assisting with the International Visitor Leadership Program, interns have the opportunity to attend GCIV community programs to further their exposure to Atlanta's international sector.

today i met . . .

GCIV staff and educators work together to ensure a two-way learning process during these carefully-designed school visits: international visitors make presentations about their countries and areas of expertise; in turn, students share their unique perspectives with our visitors and convey what life looks like from an American student's point of view. *Today I Met...* is a mutually beneficial collaboration serving to enrich various aspects of schools' social studies curricula as well as international visitors' understanding of life in the U.S. Bringing the social studies curriculum to life by arranging for international leaders to visit classrooms is vital, but the innovation of this unique program lies in the multiplier effect. Interactive learning continues well beyond the classroom when *Today I Met ...* becomes the opening line students use to initiate conversations with friends, parents, siblings, and other relatives and teachers.

All schools (public, private, and charter) across the metropolitan Atlanta area are invited to host international visitors in their classrooms. Schools participating during FY 2012 include Atlanta International School, International Community School, and elementary, middle, and high schools in DeKalb County, Fulton County and Atlanta Public Schools.



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'The unity, warmth and love inspired me.'

*- Ms. Mary Jeruto Lagat,
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'I am very thankful to GCIV to provide us with the opportunity to meet very professional people...it would be my pleasure if I can do anything for GCIV from my country. Best wishes.'

- Mr. Tariq Mahmood, 2012 IVLP Participant, Pakistan

libya

In February 2012 GCIV hosted a delegation of NGO leaders from Libya. The group was participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) focusing on civil society and NGO management. The delegation included the general coordinator for The Voice of Libyan Women, the founder of the Libyan National Support Group, a member of the Free Generation Movement and the general coordinator of the NGO Libyan Formation for Protecting the Goals of the February 17 Revolution.

While in Atlanta, the delegation met with representatives from the Kinnard Mediation Center, U.S. Human Rights Network, the Conflict Resolution Program at The Carter Center, University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. They also toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Inside CNN Studio Tour and participated in a GCIV International Dining Experience at Mezza Lebanese Bistro.



'I learned many new things about life and people in Atlanta!'

- Ms. Maisoun El Zegaar, 2012 IVLP Participant, Libya

delegation spotlight

multi-regional delegation

In April 2012 GCIV hosted a multi-regional delegation of NGO leaders and government representatives from Albania, Burma, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe. The group was participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) focusing on volunteerism in the U.S. This was an opportunity for them to examine the impact of volunteerism in U.S. communities and how volunteers are inspired to help foster a culture of service, civic involvement, and responsibility.

While in Atlanta, the delegation met with representatives from the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and the Corporate Volunteer Council of Atlanta as well as Hands on Atlanta and The UPS Foundation. Additionally they met with volunteers at Cafe 458 and toured the restaurant. The delegation also visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, attended a performance of 'The Ghost Brothers of Darkland County' at the Alliance Theater, and watched the Braves take on the Pittsburgh Pirates at Turner Field.

Ms. Pushpa Basnet from Nepal was recently named one of CNN's top 10 heroes. She was recognized for the children's center she opened in Nepal to help children of incarcerated parents.



european union

In July 2012 GCIV hosted Ms. Eeva Heikkila, human rights advisor to the Council of Europe in the European Union. She participated in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) focusing on rule of law. This opportunity allowed her to explore opportunities for cooperation between U.S. and European Union entities on issues of rule of law and international human rights and learn how human rights policy is implemented in the U.S.

While in Atlanta, she met with representatives from the European Union Center of Excellence at Georgia Tech, the U.S. Human Rights Network, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, CARE International, and the Human Rights Program at the Carter Center. Ms. Heikkila also visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site for a private tour of the chapel and the King Collection and experienced home hospitality with German Consul General Dr. Lutz Görgens.

