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
- Mwaia Kibaki, Kenya
- Felipe Calderon, Mexico
- Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea
- Frederik de Klerk, South Africa
- Oscar Arias, Costa Rica

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 Georgian 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.

2013 international visitor programs

In fiscal year 2013, GCIV welcomed 667 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 78 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of 20 or more. Participants represented 134 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.

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International Visitors by World Region

- Western Hemisphere: 134 visitors
- Europe and Eurasia: 166 visitors
- Africa (Sub-Saharan): 109 visitors
- Near East (North Africa and the Middle East): 94 visitors
- South and Central Asia: 103 visitors
- East Asia and the Pacific: 61 visitors

IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus

- Legal/Justice System: 123 delegations, 57 visitors
- Governance/Civil Society/Women As Leaders: 15 delegations, 57 visitors
- Public Health: 4 delegations, 49 visitors
- Youth Activism & Engagement: 6 delegations, 23 visitors
- Journalism/Media: 8 delegations, 15 visitors
- Education: 8 delegations, 34 visitors
- Economic/Sustainable Development: 8 delegations, 36 visitors
- Human & Civil Rights: 6 delegations, 6 visitors
- Interfaith: 9 delegations, 49 visitors

Total IVLP Delegations = 75
Total IVLP Visitors = 453
GCIV welcomed delegations from 134 countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2013. Below are the countries represented and the number of visitors:

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It was a wonderful experience of a lifetime I had. I am very grateful for all the hard work that was put into the planning of this program. The meetings gave me an insight of how to better lead my institution forward in achieving our goals and making the institution an exceptional one. Thanks a million!!!

- Ms. Eleanor Bodden-Gillett, 2013 IVLP Participant, Belize
complete list of delegations

‘I am in love with the good people of Savannah, Georgia. It is a place where art thrives in adverse conditions. It is a model for social change.’

- Ms. Sameera Ismail, 2013 IVLP Participant, Saudi Arabia

April 11-14 - Philippines
Focus: Agri-Business

April 14-18 - China
Focus: NGO Management

April 17-21 - South Korea
Focus: Corporate Social Responsibility

April 20-24 - Zimbabwe
Focus: Student Services at U.S. Universities

April 24-27 - Kazakhstan
Focus: Trafficking

April 25-30 - International Delegation
Focus: Changemakers/Social Entrepreneurship

April 25-30 - International Delegation
Focus: International Crime

May 9-15 - South and Central Asia
Focus: Human Rights

May 18-22 - Western Hemisphere
Focus: Administration of Justice

May 19-21 - Sub-Saharan Africa
Focus: State and Local Government

May 21-25 - Palestinian Territories
Focus: Military and Civilian Justice System

May 22-25 - Brazil
Focus: Health and Human Rights

May 28 - June 1 - Sub-Saharan Africa
Focus: HIV/AIDS

May 28 - June 1 - India
Focus: Combating Human Trafficking

June 6-11 - International Delegation
Focus: TV/Broadcast Journalism

June 6-12 - Israel
Focus: Community Activism

June 8-13 - Yemen
Focus: University Administration

June 12-15 - Guinea
Focus: Religious Diversity

June 16-19 - Trinidad and Tobago
Focus: U.S. Accreditation Policies

June 18-22 - United Arab Emirates
Focus: Youth and Entrepreneurship

June 19-22 - Bangladesh
Focus: Community Radio

June 27 - July 2 - China
Focus: Public Health

June 27 - July 3 - Syria
Focus: NGO Management and Administration

July 16-20 - International Delegation
Focus: American Corners Program

July 16-20 - South Africa
Focus: Legislative Leadership in Economic Development and Job Creation

July 17-20 - Nigeria
Focus: Legislative Libraries

July 23-27 - Bangladesh
Focus: Biotechnology and GMOs
July 24-27 - Poland
Focus: Promoting Tolerance Through Social Media

July 24-27 - Germany
Focus: Internet and Politics

August 14-18 - China
Focus: Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection

August 18-21 - Japan
Focus: Legislative Leadership in Economic Development and Job Creation

August 21-24 - France
Focus: Crisis Management

August 21-24 - Armenia
Focus: Promoting a Culture of Tolerance

August 24-28 - Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank
Focus: Women Entrepreneurs and Economic Leaders

August 26-28 - International Delegation
Focus: Promoting Social Change through the Arts

August 28-31 - France
Focus: Diversity in the U.S.

September 4-7 - Egypt
Focus: Interfaith Dialogue

September 10-13 - Iraq
Focus: Religious Minorities

September 14-18 - Saudi Arabia
Focus: Aviation

September 17-20 - Belize
Focus: 100,000 Strong in the Americas

September 18-21 - Russia
Focus: Paralympics for Youth

September 26 - October 1 - Sub-Saharan Africa
Focus: Broadcast Journalism

September 28 - October 2 - Cote d’Ivoire
Focus: Higher Education Management

October 9-12 - Palestinian Territories
Focus: American Studies

complete list of delegations
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 three Fulbright programs in fiscal year 2013. In February 2013, GCIV organized a four-day seminar focusing on public and global health issues. Visiting Scholars attended meetings, plenary sessions, panel discussions and workshops at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Emory University, The Carter Center, and numerous other local partners and NGOs. In addition, scholars participated in cultural excursions, walking tours of some of Atlanta’s most notable historic sites and they had the opportunity to network with GCIV members during International Dining Experiences. Dinner hospitality was provided by 20 GCIV hosts.

GCIV also hosted Fulbright Scholars for a year-long cultural enrichment program during FY 2013.
Each year GCIV honors the Consular Corps during Atlanta’s premier international event, attended by business and civic leaders throughout the metro region.

The 32nd Annual International Consular Ball was held on Saturday, April 27 at the World of Coca-Cola with the theme “Passport to the Future.” Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed made keynote remarks, the Ugandan Children’s Choir gave a surprise performance, and members of the Consular Corps contributed small items emblematic of their countries to a time capsule.

The silent auction and raffle 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 32nd Annual International Consular Ball, as well as our Consular Ball Chair, Yelena Epova.
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global lunch forums

GCIV organizes open-to-the-public lunch meetings with leaders in a variety of fields from all over the world. 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 2013. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included Interfaith Dialogue with Chadian Imams, Human Trafficking in India, and Emergency and Crisis Management Practices in the EU.

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 gives 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.

2013 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

January 24 - Future of the Euro
Dr. Vicki Birchfield, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology; Co-Director, Center for European and Transatlantic Studies

January 31 - Egypt
Dr. Carrie Wickam, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University

February 7 - NATO
Dr. Robin Dorff, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of Political Science, Kennesaw State University

February 14 - Myanmar & Southeast Asia
Dr. Katja Weber, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 21 - Humanitarian Intervention
Dr. Mikulas Fabry, Assistant Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 28 - Iran
Ms. Sandra Mackey, award-winning writer on Middle Eastern culture and politics

March 7 - China in Africa
Dr. James Gillam, Professor, Department of History, Spelman College

March 14 - Threat Assessment
Dr. Robert Kennedy, Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology
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.

“I loved Atlanta and I recommend it. I felt at home.’

- Mr. Omar Rashid Al-Zbedy, 2013 IVLP Participant, Libya

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 2013:

Tariq & Pilar Amir
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Alrene Barr
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Joe Beasley
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Dineo Brinson
Ted Britton
Dan & DJ Clancy
Susan Constantine
Zina Craft
Sussi Craig
Betty Davis
Noah Downer
Ed Dreistadt & Shell Stuart
Trevin Dye
Danielle Fernandes
Dieter & Chris Franz
Allen Freedman
Rick & Judy Fritz
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Jane Garvy
Laura Gilmore
Marc Girandot
Garry Guan
Bruce & Claudia Hamilton
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Nancy Hollister
Wolfgang & Gudrun Jahn-Held
Louise Kan
Bob King & Debra Denzer
Mark King & Mansa Bilal
John Krige
Ron & Bethany Lane
Karl Lehman
Robyn Leidig
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Pinar Taskiran
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Steve & Sara Yurman
Raya Zalik
global learning & networking

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 2012-2013 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on Women in Art History, Estonian Film, International Quilts, and Symbols of Japan. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.

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 2013, GCIV organized twelve IDEs involving over 300 guests. GCIV also hosted world-wide delegations of CNN Journalism Fellows at two of the IDEs. Restaurants included Penang, Across the Street, Bombay Café, Osteria Del Figo, Queen of Sheba, Aja, Top Spice, Panahar, Eclipse di Luna, Double Zero, and Chai Pani.
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. During FY 2013, GCIV introduced over 180 international leaders to over 670 Georgia students during 29 site visits. Over a dozen schools participated including elementary, middle and high schools in Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, Fannin County and Atlanta Public Schools.

**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.
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- The Honorable Kwanza Hall,  
Atlanta City Council and  
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