

# GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD SINCE 1962

## about the Georgia Council for International Visitors (GCIV)

GCIV fosters professional, cultural and educational experiences that connect Georgia citizens and international leaders to cultivate positive global change. Our vision is to be the Georgia organization that allows every citizen the opportunity to be more globally engaged through people to people connections.

Founded in 1962, GCIV is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works with the U.S. Department of State to develop a broad spectrum of professional and cultural exchange programs for emerging global leaders. These 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 in a long list of public diplomacy tools at their disposal.



*International Women of Courage Honoree Colonel Khalida Khalaf Hanna al-Twal from Jordan with representatives from the Atlanta Police Department (APD). The U.S. Secretary of State recognizes extraordinary women from around the world for demonstrating exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women's empowerment. Colonel al-Twal is one of the highest-ranking women in Jordan's security services. She was honored for her steadfast leadership addressing issues on behalf of victims of domestic, physical, social and sexual violence.*

## 2019 international visitor programs

In fiscal year 2019, GCIV welcomed **672 overseas visitors** through the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and various fee-for-service programs. These esteemed visitors came to Georgia on **48 different programs**, ranging from individuals to groups of 25 or more. Participants represented **131 different countries or territories**.

GCIV hosted a wide variety of professionals, including public health officials, lawyers, judges, civil servants, filmmakers, NGO and arts representatives, business executives, law enforcement, educators, journalists, elected officials, community activists, entrepreneurs, environmental advocates, scholars and engineers.

In addition to coordinating programs for the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), GCIV attracted several fee-for-service (FFS) programs. While similar in substance to the IVLP, these programs are funded separately.

In the past year, GCIV completed programs for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), CRDF Global, Cultural Vistas, Fulbright, Graduate School USA, Institute of International Education (IIE), Meridian International Center, Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID) and World Learning.

### FY 2019 IVLP Totals

quarter	# of programs	# of visitors
1	6	41
2	5	37
3	8	53
4	23	201
<b>total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>332</b>

### FY 2019 FFS Totals

quarter	# of programs	# of visitors
1	3	291
2	0	0
3	3	49
4	0	0
<b>total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>340</b>

# gciv FY19 international exchange participants

GCIV welcomed visitors from **131 countries and territories** to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2019. Below are the countries or territories represented and the number of visitors per location:

Afghanistan	12	Gambia, The	1	Netherlands	1
Albania	2	Georgia	8	New Zealand	1
Algeria	12	Germany	2	Nicaragua	12
Antigua	1	Ghana	3	Nigeria	12
Argentina	8	Greece	7	Norway	5
Armenia	2	Grenada	1	Pakistan	52
Australia	2	Guatemala	1	Palestine	9
Austria	2	Guinea	5	Panama	3
Azerbaijan	6	Haiti	1	Paraguay	3
Bahrain	6	Honduras	3	Philippines	5
Bangladesh	3	Hong Kong	3	Poland	16
Belarus	2	Hungary	4	Portugal	1
Belgium	2	Iceland	1	Qatar	3
Benin	3	India	15	Romania	1
Bermuda	5	Indonesia	32	Russia	11
Bhutan	1	Iraq	16	Rwanda	3
Bosnia & Herzegovina	4	Ireland	1	Samoa	1
Botswana	2	Israel	2	Saudi Arabia	5
Brazil	17	Japan	15	Senegal	3
Burkina Faso	3	Jordan	9	Sierra Leone	1
Burma (Myanmar)	1	Kenya	2	Slovakia	2
Cambodia	2	Korea, South	17	South Africa	6
Cameroon	2	Kosovo	1	Spain	8
Central African Republic	1	Kuwait	1	Sudan	2
Chad	1	Kyrgyzstan	1	Sweden	1
Chile	3	Latvia	2	Taiwan	1
China	23	Lebanon	7	Tajikistan	2
Colombia	14	Lesotho	3	Tanzania	2
Comoros	1	Liberia	3	Togo	1
Costa Rica	2	Libya	4	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Côte d'Ivoire	3	Lithuania	1	Tunisia	6
Curaçao	1	Macedonia, North	1	Turkey	12
Cyprus	2	Madagascar	4	Turkmenistan	4
Czech Republic	2	Malawi	2	Ukraine	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	Malaysia	2	United Arab Emirates	2
Ecuador	1	Mali	3	United Kingdom	11
Egypt	25	Mauritania	1	Uruguay	1
El Salvador	3	Mexico	9	Uzbekistan	6
Estonia	3	Moldova	1	Venezuela	1
Eswatini	2	Mongolia	10	Vietnam	4
Ethiopia	9	Montenegro	2	West Bank	2
Fiji	1	Morocco	9	Zambia	2
Finland	1	Mozambique	1	Zimbabwe	6
France	12	Namibia	3		
Gabon	1	Nepal	3		

International Visitors by World Region



# FY19 complete list of delegations

## First Quarter FY19

**January 25**

Multi-Regional

*Fulbright Home Hospitality*

**March 9-16**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*

**March 11-16**

Turkmenistan

*Focus: TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*

**March 11-16**

Egypt/Uzbekistan

*Focus: TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*

**March 12-16**

Jordan (International Women of Courage Honoree)

*Focus: Law Enforcement*

**March 15**

Multi-Regional

*Fulbright Home Hospitality*

**March 16-20**

Pakistan

*Focus: TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*

**March 19-23**

Iraq

*Focus: Religious and Public Education*

**April 3-7**

Indonesia

*Focus: Promoting Pluralism and Tolerance*

## Second Quarter FY19

**April 10-13**

China

*Focus: Labor Relations*

**April 25-30**

France

*Focus: Minority Youth Outreach*

**April 30 - May 4**

Near East Asia

*Focus: Countering Violent Extremism*

**April 30 - May 4**

Georgia

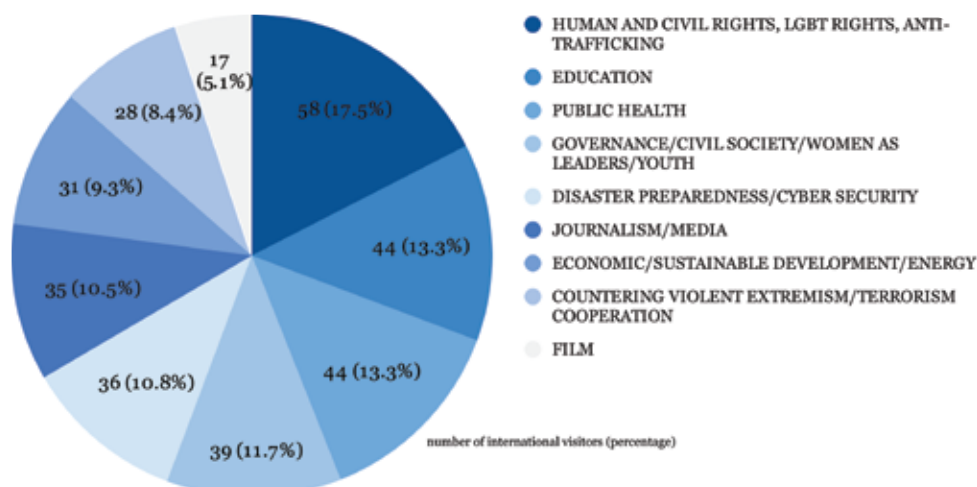
*Focus: Financial Stability in Higher Education*

**May 19-21**

South Africa

*Focus: Human Rights*

## 2019 IVLP Visitors by Professional Focus



## Third Quarter FY19

**June 13-16**

Poland

*Focus: Poland Meet America*

**June 26-29**

Azerbaijan

*Focus: Human Rights*

**July 2-6**

Africa

*Focus: Human Trafficking*

**July 7**

Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Mandela Fellows

**July 13-16**

Ethiopia

*Focus: Media Management*

**July 20-24**

Palestine

*Focus: U.S. College Admissions*

**July 21-24**

China

*Focus: Cybersecurity*

**July 25-30**

Korea

*Focus: Government and Legislative Process*

**July 30 - August 3**

Algeria

*Focus: Disaster Preparedness*

**August 7-10**

Japan

*Focus: Public Private Partnership in Ballpark Design*

## Fourth Quarter FY19

**September 12-15**

Mexico

*Focus: LGBT Rights*

**September 19-24**

Lebanon

*Focus: International Parental Child Abduction*

**September 24-28**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Cybersecurity*

**September 25-28**

Hungary

*Focus: Advancing Minority Rights*

**October 2-5**

Japan

*Focus: Pensions*

**October 6-9**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Independent Filmmaking*

**October 6-9**

Mongolia

*Focus: Foreign Direct Investment*

**October 9-14**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Global Threat Cooperation*

**October 23-26**

Brazil

*Focus: Women's Leadership*

**October 27 - November 1**

Japan

*Focus: Energy*

# complete list of delegations

## **Fourth Quarter FY19 Continued**

**October 29 - November 2**

Nicaragua

*Focus: Human Rights*

**November 7-10**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Combating Infectious Diseases*

**November 7-12**

France

*Focus: Youth At-Risk*

**November 9-14**

Japan

*Focus: Energy Sector*

**November 14-19**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Women's Empowerment Through Sports Journalism*

**November 16-20**

Indonesia

*Focus: Infectious Disease Mitigation and Response*

**November 19-23**

India

*Focus: Organizational Capacity Building for Trafficking NGOs*

**November 20-23**

United Kingdom

*Focus: Cybersecurity*

**November 22-27**

Pakistan

*Focus: Promoting Peace and Tolerance*

**December 5-10**

Indonesia

*Focus: Advocacy and Policy for Underserved Communities*

**December 11-14**

Pakistan

*Focus: Energy*

**December 11-14**

Bermuda

*Focus: Women's Resource Centers*

**December 18-21**

Multi-Regional

*Focus: Combating Infectious Diseases*



*Representatives from SisterLove, Inc. discuss healthy love and breaking the stigma against HIV/AIDS with Indonesian pluralism activists.*



*GCIV volunteer and professional resource Joe Beasley with Nicaraguan human rights activists discussing the fight for freedom.*

***Since the program's inception, 364 participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) have gone on to serve as heads of government and chiefs of state.***

## hosting

In fiscal year 2019, more than 370 professional resources and 52 volunteer hosts served as citizen diplomats on behalf of GCIV.

The professional meetings resulted in the sharing of best practices between emerging leaders from around the world and their counterparts in the state of Georgia. This valuable experience often leads to collaboration with colleagues abroad.

Dinner hospitality gives international exchange participants the opportunity to share a meal in an American home, meet everyday citizens and learn about the culture of the United States. International visitors frequently rate dinner hospitality as the experience that most clearly demonstrated true America as well as the highlight of their program.

As part of fee-for-service (FFS) programming, GCIV coordinated dinner hospitality for **264 Fulbright Scholars** from all over the world and **25 Mandela Fellows** from Africa as well as home stays for 10 Korean students. Similar to the IVLP, these scholar exchange programs aim to improve intercultural relations, cultural diplomacy and intercultural competence.

All GCIV professional resources and dinner hosts are volunteers. We cannot list all 370 professional resources, but sincerely thank each of them 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 2019:

Aaron deSouza & Melissa Strickland	John Manguno & Kitae Kim	Sherry & Bill Wileman
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Charls Pearson	Mel & May Park	Tobin & Mary Watt
Cheri Ying	Melinda Kenan	Virgina Floyd
Daji Kuweza	Morris & Poly Potter	
Danielle Fernandes	Nancy Bartmess	
Dominique Jenkins	Nancy Gastel & Allen Freedman	
Elizabeth Etoll	Nikki Williams & Viju Sebastian	
Eve Bower	Patricia Holt	
Fran & Angus Hill	Rachad Richey & Casandra Kirk	
Harry Butcher	Ranjani Balasubramaniam & Ted Revilock	
Jackie & Glenn Morgan	Ruth Malhotra	
Jane Garvey	Sara & Steve Yurman	
Jay & Jackie Berkelhamer	Shanta Knight	
Jerry Warren	Sharmon Monagan	
Jim & Carol Dew		
Jim & Judy Confer		
Joan Cioffi		
John & Lauren Seidl		



*Mexican IVLP alumnus enjoys dinner hospitality during a follow-up visit focused on LGBT Rights in the U.S.*



*Fulbright scholars delight in dinner hospitality with GCIV volunteer hosts.*



*Fulbright scholars from across the world dine with GCIV volunteer hosts.*

# community programs

## great decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Foreign Policy Association (FPA)'s Great Decisions program. In this role, GCIV helps coordinate discussion groups and lecture series that give participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. Topics change annually and are based on the FPA's non-partisan briefing book. Nearly 350 people participated in the 2019 GCIV Foreign Policy Lecture Series. In addition, there were approximately 20 discussion groups across the state.



Nearly 350 people participate in the GCIV Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series hosted by the Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

### 2019 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

1/17/19 - *Decoding U.S.-China Trade*  
Dr. Andrew Wedeman, Georgia State University

1/24/19 - *Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics*  
Dr. Seymour Goodman, Georgia Institute of Technology

1/31/19 - *Refugees and Global Migration*  
Dr. Jeannie Grussendorf, Georgia State University

2/7/19 - *The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested*  
Dr. Ryan Carlin, Georgia State University

2/21/19 - *The Rise of Populism in Europe*  
Dr. Eleanor Morris, Agnes Scott College

2/28/19 - *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?*  
Dr. Robert Kennedy, Georgia Institute of Technology

3/7/19 - *State of the State Department and Diplomacy*  
Vince Farley, Retired Foreign Service Officer (FSO), U.S. State Department and Honorary Consul of Mali in Atlanta

3/14/19 - *The Middle East: Regional Disorder*  
Dr. Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott College

## internship program

The internship program enables GCIV to effectively partner with universities by offering practical experience to students. Participants receive training in the field of international affairs and learn about local and global issues.

In addition to assisting with the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), we encourage interns to attend GCIV community programs to further their exposure to Atlanta's international sector. This year GCIV trained two interns from Georgia State University and Clemson University.



2019-20 International Women Associates (IWA) members.

## international women associates

The International Women Associates (IWA) is a group of dedicated GCIV volunteers who meet in members' homes for friendship and cultural enrichment.

Formed in 1978, IWA brings together women from countries around the world to build friendships and help international newcomers become oriented to life in Atlanta through a network of support and activities. Other members include North Americans who have lived abroad or have interest 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 among the IWA members.

100+ members and guests participate in IWA programs.



## international consular ball



*Members of the Georgia Consular Corps at GCIV's International Consular Ball.*

GCIV's International Consular Ball continues to be Atlanta's premier international event. Atlanta's business and civic leaders hosted the Georgia Consular Corps at the InterContinental Buckhead Hotel for the 38th annual International Consular Ball on Saturday, May 11, 2019. GCIV hosts the annual gala to honor the men and women serving as consular representatives in Georgia.

Guests bid on exciting silent auction items and raffle prizes and enjoy live entertainment. The silent auction and raffle proceeds support GCIV's efforts 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 38th annual International Consular Ball.

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*Dance the night away at the International Consular Ball.*



# gciv leadership and program spotlight

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## international visitors program spotlight

In November, nearly 50 female sports journalists from around the world arrived in Washington, D.C., to participate in the first-ever International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) focused on women in sports media. The program demonstrated the strides that women and girls have made in the decades since Title IX, while also addressing the obstacles female sports journalists face in the United States and abroad. As part of the U.S. Department of State's "Step In, Dream Big" campaign, this IVLP aimed to create a global network of girls and women who create change in their communities through sports.

GCIV had the honor of hosting half this group. While in Georgia, the participants met with their counterparts at CNN International, Atlanta United, WSB-TV and spent a day at the James M. Cox Jr. Center for International Mass Communication Training and Research, part of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia.



*The Women's Empowerment Through Sports Journalism group at WSB-TV Atlanta.*

**105**  
**alumni**  
**are Pulitzer Prize**  
**winners**

**84**  
**alumni**  
**are Nobel Prize**  
**winners**

**64**  
**alumni**  
**are representatives**  
**to the United**  
**Nations**

\*Alumni of Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) programs.

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