

# 2017 Atlanta Studies Symposium

## Rethinking Equity in Atlanta

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:30 am – 8:00 pm



Atlanta University Center  
Robert W. Woodruff Library

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[atlantastudies.org/symposia](http://atlantastudies.org/symposia)

### Keynote (6:00–7:00pm)

Zandria F. Robinson, Rhodes College  
*Atlanta, The Black Map, and  
Chocolate City Sociology*



### Plenary Roundtable (12:00–1:30pm)

*The Past, Present, and Possible Futures of Atlanta Studies:  
Re-Centering the Legacy of W.E.B. DuBois*

*Moderated by Kali-Ahset Amen and featuring Barbara Combs, Calinda Lee,  
Samuel Livingston, Deirdre Oakley, Charles Stephen, and Maurice J. Hobson*

Sponsors of this year's symposium include the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University's Center for Digital Scholarship, Georgia Institute of Technology's School of City and Regional Planning, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and Georgia State University's Urban Studies Institute and Council for the Progress of Cities.



## *Breakfast and Opening Remarks*

**8:30am – 9:00am**

Bruce Berger, *Director of the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development at Clark Atlanta University*

## *Session One: Concurrent Panels*

**9:00am – 10:15am**

### *Panel 1A: Infrastructure and Impact*

**EXHIBITION HALL**

**Moderator:** Dan Reuter (Reuter Strategy)

Rachel Will (UGA) “Navigating Goals for a Greener Atlanta: Technocratic Subjectivities and Socio-Ecological Outcomes on the Atlanta BeltLine”

Ellen Ray (Georgia Tech) “Equity, Gentrification, and the Expansion of MARTA into Clayton County”

Na’Tai Osborne Jelks (Agnes Scott) “Race, Class, Water, & Planning in Atlanta, Georgia”

Caroline Burnette (Georgia Tech) “Predicting Revitalization: An Analytical Narrative and Predictive Analysis of Neighborhood Revitalization in Atlanta”

### *Panel 1B: Perspectives on Immigrant Atlanta*

**ROOM 202**

**Moderator:** Adam P. Newman (Emory)

Marni Davis (GSU) “Immigrant Residential Settlement and Urban Renewal in Twentieth-Century Atlanta”

Cynthia Wu (University of Buffalo) “Miss India Georgia, Desi Womanhood, and Immigrant Racialization”

Alexander Krupp (University of Kentucky) “Collision and Coexistence: Buford Highway as a Locus of Articulated Social Relations”

### *Panel 1C: Research, Analytics, and Data Outreach at Atlanta Regional Commission: A Project-Based Overview*

**ROOM 208**

**Moderator:** Taylor Tyger (ARC)

Bernita Smith (ARC)

Christina DeGiulio (ARC)

Taylor Tyger (ARC)

Jim Skinner (ARC)

Ramesh Ghimire (ARC)



**Panel 1D: *Lab Atlanta and Dismantling Inequality Using a Design Thinking Framework***

**ROOM 303**

**Moderator:** Brennan Collins (GSU)

Aretina Hamilton (Lab Atlanta)

Avery Culp (Lab Atlanta)

Haleigh Jones (Lab Atlanta)

Sarah Jeizel (Lab Atlanta)

***Session Two: Concurrent Panels***

**10:30am – 12:00pm**

**Panel 2A: *Race, Class, and (Sub)Urban Spaces***

**EXHIBITION HALL**

**Moderator:** Janelle Williams (Anne E. Casey Foundation)

Coleman Allums (UGA) “The Politics of Urban Secession: Race, Neoliberalism, and Democracy in Atlanta”

Jonathan Grant (GSU) “Black on Both Sides: An Examination of Race and Class in the Ghetto Mecca”

Taiza Troutman (GSU) “Free Atlanta: The Erasure of Blackness in the New Atlanta and the Fight for the City’s Last Black Spaces”

Nene Igietseme (GT) “Communities Planning in the Face of Empire: A Case Study of the Turner Field Community Benefits Coalition”

**Panel 2B: *Local, Regional, and National Perspectives on Immigrant Integration Policy and Welcoming Cities***

**ROOM 202**

**Moderator:** Marian Lou (WeLoveBuHi)

Cathy Yang Liu and Xi Huang (GSU) “Welcoming Cities: Immigration Policy at the Local Government Level”

Paul N. McDaniel (KSU) “Receptivity and the Welcoming Cities Movement: Regional Immigrant and Refugee Integration Policy Potential in Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia”

Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez (KSU) “Latino Civic Engagement in the Atlanta Metropolitan Region: Opportunities and Challenges for Immigrant Integration”

Anna Joo Kim and Ashley Bozarth (Georgia Tech) “Refugee Ghetto or Ethnic Enclave? Welcome to Clarkston, Georgia”



## ***Session Two (continued): Concurrent Panels***

**10:30am – 12:00pm**

### **Panel 2C: *Issues in Education***

**ROOM 208**

**Moderator:** Ken Zeff (Learn4Life)

Tammy Greer (Clark Atlanta University) “Atlanta Public Schools: Moving from a Charter System to a System of Charters and How Inequity Begins”

Matthew Leonard (Georgia Tech) “School Districts and Socioeconomic Disparity: A Case Study of Gwinnett County, Georgia”

Snotti St. Cyr (GSU) “Resilience: How Displaced College Students Develop Strategies and Coping Mechanisms.”

### **Panel 2D: *Silence and Voice: Archival Solutions to Representing the City***

**ROOM 303**

**Moderator:** Marni Davis (GSU)

Heather Oswald (Rose Library – Emory)

Tiffany Atwater (The Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library)

JoyEllen Freeman (Kennesaw State)

Holly Smith (Spelman)

Amanda Pellerin (Georgia Tech)

## ***Plenary Roundtable***

**12:00pm – 1:30pm**

*Lunch will be served*

### **The Past, Present and Possible Futures of Atlanta Studies:**

**EXHIBITION HALL**

***Re-Centering the Legacy of W.E.B. DuBois***

**Moderator:** Kali-Ahset Amen (Emory)

Barb Combs (Clark Atlanta)

Calinda Lee (Atlanta History Center)

Samuel Livingston (Morehouse)

Deirdre Oakley (GSU)

Charles Stephens (The Counternarrative Project)

Maurice J. Hobson (GSU)



## *Session Three: Concurrent Panels*

**1:30pm – 2:45pm**

### **Panel 3A: *Arts and Black Atlanta***

**EXHIBITION HALL**

**Moderator:** Brandon Jones (WonderRoot)

R. Candy Tate (Emory) “Art for People’s Sake: Atlanta’s Neighborhood Arts Center”

Alexander Acosta (Soul Food Cypher) “Has Rap Music Inadvertently Lead to Gentrification in American Cities?”

Jumi Ekunseitan (Emory) “On This Side of Town: Reinventing Atlanta in Chris Robinson’s ATL”

Joycelyn Wilson (Georgia Tech) “Science, Race and Technology: Engaging the Lyrics of Outkast and Trap Music to Explore Politics of Social Justice”

### **Panel 3B: *Incarceration and Inequality***

**ROOM 202**

**Moderator:** Tammy Greer (Clark Atlanta)

Michael D. Woodard (Clark Atlanta) “The Impact of Ban-the-Box on Recidivism, Employment, and Family Participation in Fulton County”

Sharon Bowers (Clark Atlanta) “The Mass Incarceration of Jane Crow”

Ola Zaccheaus (Clark Atlanta) “Atlanta HIV/AIDS Infection”

Moki Macias (Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative) “Participatory Planning and the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative”

### **Panel 3C: *Socio-technical Approaches to Sustainable Community Development in Atlanta: A Roundtable with Students, Teachers, and Staff from Georgia Tech***

**ROOM 208**

**Moderator:** Jennifer Hirsch (Georgia Tech)

Ruth Yow (Georgia Tech)

Sarah O’Brien (Georgia Tech)

Raghu Pucha (Georgia Tech)

Nitra Wisdom (Georgia Tech)

Matthew Realff (Georgia Tech)

Ellen Zegura (Georgia Tech)



## *Session Four: Concurrent Panels*

**3:00pm – 4:15pm**

### **Panel 4A: *Black Atlanta in the 1960s and 1970s***

**EXHIBITION HALL**

**Moderator:** Barbara Combs (Clark Atlanta)

Maurice Hobson (GSU) “The Long Hot Summerhill: A Long History of Urban Renewal, Race and Rebellion in the Summerhill Community”

Katie Schank (Emory) “Picturing Inequality in 1970s Atlanta: Ebony Magazine and Michael Pousner’s Atlanta Constitution Public Housing Series”

Seneca Vaught (KSU) and Ross Hamrick (Emory Law) “The Legal (Re)Construction of Racism in the ‘City Too Busy To Hate’”

Danielle Wiggins (Emory) “Protecting the Neighborhood: Race, Policing, and Black Politics in Post-Civil Rights Atlanta”

### **Panel 4B: *Towards Community Stabilization: A Responsive Approach to Inequality in Atlanta’s Westside Communities***

**ROOM 202**

**Moderator:** Meaghan Shannon-Vlkovic  
(Enterprise Community Partners/The Transformation Alliance)

Mackenzie Madden & Sheri-Davis Faulkner (Westside Communities Alliance, Georgia Tech)

Jillian Madden (Midtown Assistance Center)

Tangee Allen (Raising Expectations)

Reverend Howard Beckham (Integrity Transformations CDC)

Mackenzie Madden (Georgia Tech)

### **Panel 4C: *Precarity and Atlanta***

**ROOM 208**

**Moderator:** Andre Dickens (Atlanta City Council)

Fred Brooks (Georgia State University) “TANF Leavers and Self-Sufficiency: Results from a Study in Atlanta”

Gabriel Greaves (Kennesaw State University) “Hidden Black and Brown Bridges: Examining the Influences of Martin Luther King and Justo González on One Another in the Civil Rights Era”

Charles Steffen (Georgia State University) “(Dis)Empowering Homeless People: The Battle for Atlanta’s Imperial Hotel, 1990–1991”

Terry Easton (University of North Georgia) “Raising Our Voices, Breaking the Chain: The Imperial Hotel Occupation as Prophetic Politics”



***Session Five: Concurrent Panels***

**4:30pm – 5:45pm**

**Panel 5A: *“Measuring the Dream” in Atlanta***

**EXHIBITION HALL**

**Moderator:** Ed Hatfield (New Georgia Encyclopedia)

Nisha Botchwey (Georgia Tech)

Andrea Young (ACLU)

Katie O’Connell (Georgia Tech)

Nene Igietseme (Georgia Tech) and Erwin Coleman (GSU)

**Panel 5B: *Critical Housing Studies***

**ROOM 202**

**Moderator:** James Alexander (Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.)

Ann Carpenter, et al. (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) “Tracking Corporate Contract for Deed Sales in Atlanta”

Taylor Hafley (UGA) “Housing, Race, and Suburban Poverty in ‘Post-crisis’ Atlanta”

Elora Raymond et al. (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia Tech)  
“Corporate Landlords, Institutional Investors, and Displacement:  
Eviction Rates in Single-Family Rentals”

**Panel 5C: *Leading the Inclusive City: International Ideas for the Equity Agenda in Atlanta***

**ROOM 208**

**Moderator:** Bruce Stiftel (Georgia Tech)

Robin Hambleton (University of the West of England-Bristol)

**Respondents:**

Mike Dobbins (Georgia Tech School of City and Regional Planning)

Deborah Scott (Executive Director, Georgia Stand-Up)

Cherie Ong (Good Places)



***Keynote***

**6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Zandria F. Robinson, Rhodes College**

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**EXHIBITION HALL**

***Reception***

**7:00pm – 8:00pm**

*Wine & Cheese in the Exhibition Hall to close out the day*

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