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# NEWSWORTHY

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## Latest News



### **Institute training helps Harris County respond faster after tornado hits**

Harris County Commissioner Harry Lange, inspired by an Institute of Government emergency preparedness class, directed a disaster plan update that helped the county respond more effectively when a tornado ripped through his community...[read more](#)



### **Mural proposed in Institute Renaissance plan bolsters Fitzgerald's tourism economy**

The City of Fitzgerald recently dedicated a mural designed by a UGA student selected for the Georgia Downtown Renaissance Fellowship that the Institute of Government coordinates. The mural is part of a suite of Renaissance projects being implemented in the city's downtown tourism district...[read more](#)



### **Georgia State Patrol, Institute collaborate to ensure accuracy of promotional tests**

State troopers from around the country provide unbiased evaluations of Georgia State Patrol troopers who are vying for promotion at assessment centers the Institute of Government administers at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth...[read more](#)

### **City, county leaders build skills in Institute-led classes at training conferences**

Thousands of local government leaders — mayors, county commissioners, city councilmembers and county managers — enrolled in professional development

classes Institute of Government faculty provided at annual conferences hosted by **ACCG** and the **Georgia Municipal Association**.

### **PSO Faculty Fellow uses Institute radar unit for innovative road monitoring system**

As a Public Service and Outreach Faculty Fellow affiliated with the Institute of Government, UGA engineering professor Sonny Kim developed a way to assess road conditions and maintenance needs using ground-penetrating radar...[read more](#)

### **Spring semester Vinson Fellows explore healthcare, hunger and open government**

Three UGA undergraduates selected for the Vinson Institute Fellowship program studied issues related to food security, rural hospitals and the balance between economic development and open government for their spring semester internship projects...[read more](#)



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what we're doing!**

**Did You Know?**

Registration is open for two Innovating Georgia's Workforce Pipeline Conferences to explore effective strategies to align education and career development. Conferences Aug. 22 in Tifton and Sept. 26 at the UGA Gwinnett Campus will bring together partners in workforce development, education, business and economic development to learn about promising practices and emerging ideas.

*Learn more about the [Tifton conference](#) and the [Atlanta conference](#).*

# Upcoming Events

**ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Institute**

Aug. 21-23

**Innovating Georgia's Workforce Pipeline Conference at UGA Tifton Campus  
Conference Center in Tifton, Georgia**

Aug. 22

**GAZA Summer Conference**

Aug. 22

**Georgia Downtown Association conference**

Aug. 27-30

**GMA Robert E. Knox Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute**

Aug. 27-30

**Georgia Clerks Education Institute Fall Conference**

Sept. 8-11

**Georgia Certified Economic Developer Branding and Marketing Strategies  
class**

Sept 12

**GEDA 2019 Annual Conference**

Sept. 18-20

**GACE Fall Conference**

Sept. 24-27

**Innovating Georgia's Workforce Pipeline Conference at UGA Gwinnett  
Campus in Lawrenceville, Georgia**

Sept.26

**GMA 2019 Fall Training Event**

Sept. 26-27

**GGFOA 2019 Annual Conference**

Sept. 29-Oct. 2

# Newsworthy Notable



## Jeffrey Wright

Public Service Assistant

Jeffrey brings more than 20 years of experience analyzing demographic and economic data to the Institute faculty. As a demographer, he develops population estimates and projections involving Georgia's rapidly changing population to better inform policymaking at the state and local government levels. He recently completed doctoral studies in applied demography at the University of Texas at San Antonio and has worked with the Texas State Demographer and the U.S. Census Bureau and as a journalist in Mexico analyzing economic data. Since joining the Institute in March, Jeffrey has led classes to enhance city and county leaders' understanding of demographics and the census, and contributed to the Institute's Census 2020 outreach collaboration with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. [Learn more.](#)

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