Institute to aid Education Department’s educational achievement plan development

The Georgia Department of Education enlisted the Institute to facilitate the state advisory committee process as educators develop guidelines about how Georgia public schools will meet federal Every Student Succeeds Act educational standards...

City of Gainesville, Institute partner in project to improve downtown connectivity

A grant the Institute received is supporting a partnership with city leaders to make Gainesville’s central business district more attractive by designing pedestrian connectivity enhancements that improve greenspace and water quality...

Institute coordinates workforce development conference to assist over 400 professionals

The Institute partnered with the Georgia Department of Economic Development to stage the inaugural Georgia WIOA Convening, which helped more than 400 workforce development professionals strengthen their knowledge about the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act...
International Center helps expand UGA master’s program to enroll Korean government leaders

The Institute’s International Center helped develop a partnership between UGA’s School of Public and International Affairs and the Korean Ministry of Personnel Management to enroll Korean officials in the university’s master of public administration program...read more

Institute faculty members explore school-government collaborations with educators

Faculty members Paula Sanford and Russ Cook led programs about the Institute’s applied research into effective school-government collaborations at two recent gatherings of school superintendents, administrators and teachers from around the state...read more

Institute works with ICMA to assess public health impact of local government services

The International City/County Management Association invited Institute faculty member Paula Sanford to write a white paper about the critical role local government services play in protecting and promoting public health...read more

Three Georgia cities gain revitalization aid through Institute’s Renaissance Fellows program

Chatsworth, Jesup and Monroe received technical and design assistance for revitalization projects through the Downtown Renaissance Fellows program, an Institute collaboration with the Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Cities Foundation and UGA’s College of Environment and Design....read more

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Did You Know?
The Institute of Government is helping the Georgia General Assembly collect public input to better assess rural broadband needs across the state. Learn more.

Upcoming Events

**GLGPA Fall Conference**
Nov. 15–18

**GMA Small City Conference**
Nov. 29

**ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference**
Nov. 29–Dec. 2

Newsworthy Notable
Kaitlin McShea Messich
Strategic Operations and Planning Assistance
Senior Graphics Designer

Kaitlin’s award-winning designs for the Institute’s Downtown Development Program have been recognized throughout Georgia for their effectiveness in illustrating the economic impact of downtown revitalization strategies. Working through the Institute’s partnership with the Georgia Municipal Association, Kaitlin provides city leaders with designs and recommendations that are critical to the success of a revitalization plan—work that has been recognized by the Georgia Downtown Association, the Georgia Council for the Arts, and others.

Kaitlin was instrumental in the 2015 Blairsville and Union County rebranding project called Believe It, a community effort to draw more families, small businesses and entrepreneurs to the area. Her talents were integral in capturing the brand into a visual that represented the county and its uniqueness. The project was a 2016 recipient of the Four for the Future award, a designation cosponsored by Georgia Trend magazine and UGA’s Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. The award recognizes communities and regions that have worked across public-private sector and nonprofit boundaries on challenging issues in ways that will lead to improved quality of life.

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