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### [Institute Facilitates Exchange Agreement between Athens, Seoul Government Leaders](#)

The Institute of Government coordinated Seoul District Mayor Seok-Jin Mun's recent visit to Athens, where he signed a memorandum of understanding that calls for cultural and economic exchanges with the Athens-Clarke County government. (more)

#### Did you know?

The Institute just published *Local Governments and School Systems: Partnering for Better Communities*, one of the first studies to look at collaborations between school systems and local governments. [Learn more.](#)



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### **Faculty Members Earn ACCG Award for Developing New Training Curriculum**

Two Institute faculty members, Sherri Lawless and Phillip Boyle, received the Leadership Development Advocate of the Year award for helping to formulate the Association County Commissioners of Georgia's new Lifelong Learning Academy curriculum. [\(more\)](#)

### **Main Streets Conference Highlights Institute's Downtown Economic Development Work**

This spring's National Main Streets Conference, which brought hundreds of community economic development leaders to Atlanta for four days of training and workshops, featured presentations by three Institute faculty members about Georgia's downtown revitalization programs. [\(more\)](#)

### **City Officials Strengthen Leadership Skills through Institute Training at GMA Convention**

Hundreds of mayors, council members, and other city leaders enhanced their governance skills through training sessions coordinated by the Institute of Government during the Georgia Municipal Association's 2015 Annual Convention in Savannah. [\(more\)](#)

### **Spring Semester's Vinson Fellows Give Presentations on Internship Projects**

The three UGA undergraduates selected as Vinson Institute Fellows ended their spring semester internships by presenting the results of their research projects on gendered language, carbon cap-and-trade programs, and sports arena development at a gathering of Institute faculty and staff. [\(more\)](#)

### **School Group Invites Institute Financial Management Faculty to Lead Training Sessions**

The Georgia Association of School Business Officials (GASBO) has invited the Institute's Financial Management Training Program faculty to lead continuing education courses at the upcoming 2015 GASBO Conference, to be held in Augusta in November. [\(more\)](#)

### **Institute's Gwinnett Management Development Students Donate Children's Free Library**

For their service-learning project, county government

## **Upcoming Events**

[Development Authority Training:](#)  
August 6–7

[GMA Municipal Leadership Institute:](#) August 11–14

[Economic Development Training:](#)  
September 15

[ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference:](#) October 7–9

## **Newsworthy Notable**



### **Shana Jones**

Program Manager

As manager of the Institute's Planning and Environmental Services unit, Shana helps communities find effective solutions to challenging environmental issues by engaging elected officials and other stakeholders in productive collaborations. Her outreach portfolio includes working with local governments to develop flood insurance discounts for homeowners and businesses.

Our Partners in Training:



supervisors selected for the Institute's 2015 Gwinnett County EXCEL management development course built a children's free library kiosk and reading bench and donated them to a public housing community in Lawrenceville. ([more](#))

### **[Institute Plans Survey to Gauge Interest in Enhancing GMA Training Opportunities](#)**

The Institute is preparing to survey 120 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) members to gauge their interest in adding a senior leadership development program to the GMA training curriculum. Municipal leaders who have successfully completed at least 170 hours of training through GMA's Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute will be asked in August about their interest in advanced specialty training opportunities. ([more](#))

### **[Institute Associate Director Presents Policy Training at Romanian University](#)**

Institute training expert Stacy Jones and two other UGA faculty members traveled to Romania this spring to present a government policy workshop at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest. ([more](#))

### **[Government Finance Officers Attain Certification through Institute Training Program](#)**

Nearly two dozen local government finance officials recently earned certification through the Institute's Financial Management Training Program by successfully completing a series of courses designed to enhance their knowledge of public finance topics ([more](#))

### **[County Leaders Enhance Skills through Institute Training Provided at ACCG Conference](#)**

More than 700 county commissioners, managers, clerks, and other officials strengthened their governance skills through Institute of Government training programs held during the Association County Commissioners of Georgia 2015 Annual Conference. ([more](#))

### **[Institute System Helps GBI Monitor Interstate Transfer of Parolees and Probationers](#)**

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) has implemented an automated system that the Institute developed to make it easier for the GBI to account for probationers and parolees who are transferred to Georgia from other states. The project allows the GBI to easily access and share information from the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System, a web-based system that law enforcement agencies use when the responsibility for supervising probationers and parolees is

transferred from one state to another. [\(more\)](#)

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