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More than 200 members of the Georgia General Assembly gathered in Athens in December for the 29th Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators, coordinated by the Institute of Government to help lawmakers get ready for the upcoming legislative cycle. (more)

Did you know?

The Institute and the UGA Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach are offering a course for economic development professionals February 5.



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Upcoming Events

Institute Unveils Advanced Planning and Zoning Course for Government Planners

Twenty-six city and county planning officials attended the debut of the Institute's advanced Planning and Zoning 201 course, which was developed to provide in-depth training on economic development issues regularly encountered by local leaders. [\(more\)](#)

DBHDD and Institute Salute Graduates of First-Ever Management Academy

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) recently recognized the first 21 graduates of a management academy that the Institute developed to help DBHDD personnel enhance their leadership skills. [\(more\)](#)

Ghana Legislators Explore Government Finance through Institute Collaboration

Members of the Ghana Parliament's Finance Committee studied American government finance procedures during a training program the Institute coordinated in partnership with Georgia Southern University. [\(more\)](#)

Vinson Fellows Present Reports on Fall Semester Student Research Projects

The three UGA undergraduates selected for the Vinson Institute Fellows Program presented the results of their fall semester internship projects on topics such as "complete streets" programs and a comparison of public administration training programs. [\(more\)](#)

Government Finance Officers Earn Certification through Institute Training

Finance officers from city and county governments throughout Georgia recently earned certification through the Institute's financial management training program, which provides professional development courses covering a variety of public finance topics. [\(more\)](#)

Institute Demography Expert Recognized by Peers for Research Excellence

Mathew Hauer, head of the Institute's applied demography program, recently earned the Southern Demographic Association's top award for a paper he coauthored that

GMA Mayors' Day Conference:
January 23–26

ACCG Lifelong Learning
Academy: February 9

GLGPA Mid-Year Conference:
March 3–4

Newsorthy Notable



Dan Lasseter

Public Service Assistant

Mr. Lasseter, a public service assistant in our Governmental Services and Research division, oversees executive searches for high-level leadership positions in public sector organizations. In addition, he provides technical assistance on employment testing issues for state and local public safety agencies like the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia State Patrol. He was recently elected to the American Society of Public Administration's National Council and earned an ASPA Presidential Citation of Merit recognizing his work with the association.

Our Partners in Training:



assesses how rising sea levels will affect America's coastal population in the year 2100. [\(more\)](#)

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