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### [Chamblee OKs Funds for Revitalization Designs from Institute's Renaissance Fellowship](#)

Chamblee City Council has set aside \$100,000 to implement downtown revitalization designs that the Institute developed through the Downtown Renaissance Fellowship, a collaboration with the UGA College of Environment and Design and the Georgia Municipal Association. (more)

#### Did you know?

The Institute of Government launched a new economic development certification program? [Learn more.](#)

The Institute of Government helped quantify the \$4.7 billion economic impact of childcare and early education activities in Georgia? [Learn more.](#)



### **First Charter School Certificate Graduates Honored at State Board of Education Session**

At a recent Georgia Board of Education meeting, 11 finance officers from Georgia charter schools were presented with certificates for successfully completing the Institute's new Charter Schools Financial Management training program. [\(more\)](#)

### **Institute Prepares Interactive Map to Assist Washington County Development Partnership**

An interactive map of middle Georgia's Washington County that the Institute produced in collaboration with UGA's Archway Partnership provides points of interest and economic development data for visitors and business prospects. [\(more\)](#)

### **Visiting Scholars Gain Knowledge of America through New Educational Program**

Korean scholars and government leaders that the Institute hosts on extended research projects now have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of American culture and government through a Professional Development Program that debuted this school year. [\(more\)](#)

### **Vinson Fellows Give Presentations on Fall Semester Student Internship Projects**

Internship projects conducted by fall semester's Vinson Fellows explored social media usage by public employees, ways mass transit benefits communities, and how to assess the effectiveness of government training programs. [\(more\)](#)

### **Georgia's Revised Erosion Control Manual Produced through Institute Collaboration**

The updated edition of Georgia's Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control was published through an Institute partnership with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the Environmental Protection Division and the Department of Transportation. [\(more\)](#)

### **DBHDD Management Academy's Latest Class Recognized at Graduation Ceremony**

Twenty-two aspiring leaders selected for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' third Management Academy were honored

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### **Upcoming Events**

[Georgia Clerks Education](#)

[Institute](#): February 7–9

[District Days in the Capitol](#):

February 17, 24, and March 2

[Economic Development](#)

[Landscape](#): March 2–3

[GCCMA Spring Conference](#):

March 23–26

### **Newsorthy Notable**



**[Karen Payne](#)**

Senior Public Service Associate

Karen uses spatial and information technologies like geographic information systems to help public and private organizations respond to disasters and other humanitarian emergencies. Recently, she traveled to Egypt and South Africa to train information management officers with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in more effective ways of obtaining reliable data to support relief efforts.

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recently for successfully completing a curriculum that the Institute developed for the department. [\(more\)](#)

#### **[Institute Publishes Synopsis of New GASB 77 Tax Abatement Disclosure Rules](#)**

To assist local governments throughout Georgia, the Institute published an overview of new tax abatement disclosure requirements that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued effective December 15, 2015. [\(more\)](#)

#### **[Korean Leaders Attend Training Program Coordinated by Institute of Government](#)**

Eleven metropolitan and provincial managers with the Governors Association of Korea visited Georgia to study American public health and emergency management practices in a training program arranged by the Institute's International Center. [\(more\)](#)

#### **[Local Officials Earn Certification through Institute Financial Management Training](#)**

More than two dozen finance officers from local governments across Georgia recently attained certification by successfully completing the Institute's financial management curriculum that was designed to enhance their knowledge of public finance topics. [\(more\)](#)