

Session List

Sessions will take place at The Classic Center, 300 N Thomas St, Athens, GA 30601

The Georgia Historical Marker Program: Connecting Local Stories to Statewide Narratives

Elyse Butler, Manager of Programs and Special Projects, Georgia Historical Society

Breana James, Historical Marker and Program Associate, Georgia Historical Society

Historic Preservation Advocacy in Georgia: Trends and Updates

Ben Sutton, Senior Director of Preservation and Legislative Advocacy at the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

The Importance of West African Adinkra Symbols Embossed in Architecture, Corporate Logos, and Daily Use Items

Joyce G.D. Law, CSRA Region Co-Representative, GAAHPN; Diversity Scholar, NTHP, Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network

Introduction to Historic Commercial and Residential Types and Styles in Georgia

Joe Smith, Principal, Architectural Collaborative

Historic Preservation Commission Administration Roundtable

Amber Eskew, Preservation Planner, Athens-Clarke County

Panel

The Design Process: From "What's Wrong with My Building?" to "Open for Business!"

Amanda Brown, Senior Project Manager, Bennett Preservation Engineering

John Bennett, Structural Engineer, Bennett Preservation Engineering

Overview of the Preservation of African American Historic Schools in Georgia

Darryl Nettles, Vice-Chairperson, Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network

Losing the Saye Building: Power, Preservation, and a Parking Lot

Chris Jackson, Principal, Verity Works LLC

James Reap, Professor Emeritus, College of Environment & Design, University of Georgia

Panel

Civil Sights: A Guide to Historic Preservation through Storytelling in Sweet Auburn, Birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement

Gene Kansas, Author & Historic Preservationist, Civil Sights & Gene Kansas | Commercial Real Estate

Removal and Relocating of Murals

Edward Howard, Architectural Historian, Cultural Resources Management, Fort Benning

Janine Noel, Architectural Historian, Fort Benning

Empowering the Next Generation: The Watson-Brown Foundation's Junior Board Program

Ashleigh Oatts, Curator, Watson-Brown Foundation/ T.R.R. Cobb House Museum

Franke Smith, Curator, Watson-Brown Foundation/ Hickory Hill

Matt Davis, Director, Washington & Lee University Institutional History Museum and Galleries

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Revitalizing Together: Aligning HPCs, Main Streets, and DDAs for Downtown Success

Cherie Bennett, Director Office of Downtown Development, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Preserving the Past, Building the Future: Integrating Historic Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Affordable Housing

Taneisha Brooks, Equitable Housing Program Director, Historic Athens

Denise Sunta, Engagement Coordinator, Historic Athens

Hattie Whitehead, Descendant of Linnentown and Author of *Giving Voice to Linnentown*

2025 Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference Poster Session

Chad Keller, Director, Master of Historic Preservation Program, Georgia State University

Laying the Foundation: Unlocking the Impact of High Performing Boards

Victoria Prevatt, Owner, GoodWorks Consulting, LLC

Understanding Architectural Drawings: A Primer

Joe Smith, Principal, Architectural Collaborative

On the Circuit: Networks of Black Entertainment in Georgia

Wes Nimmo, Historian, New South Associates

Renee' Donnell, Historian, New South Associates

Mary W. Joseph, Community Outreach Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Leigh Burns, Director of Community Partnerships, Fox Theatre

Lynn Green, Facility Supervisor, Morton Theatre

Survey Options for Local Governments

Emily Cochran, Survey Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Chanelle Campbell, City of Kennesaw

Jennifer Dickey, Kennesaw State University

Jennifer Martin Lewis, FindIt University of Georgia

Student Panel

Transforming Downtowns Through Visualization: The RSVP Program

Danny Bivins, Senior Public Service Associate, University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Kaitlin McShea Messich, Public Service Associate University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Chris Higdon Manager, Community Development, Georgia Municipal Association

Environmental Impacts on Cultural Resources: Basics and Beyond

Cari Goetheus, Professor, College of Environment + Design, University of Georgia

Locally Designated Historic Tax Credit Program

Molly McLamb, Manager, Tax Incentives Program, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Sandra Hall, Certified Local Governments Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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