

CRITICAL ISSUES FORUM Thursday, April 20, 2017

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Georgia Film Academy, Fayetteville

Arts Learning and the Innovation Workforce

To remain competitive in a rapidly-changing global economy our future workforce must learn 21st century innovation and creative thinking skills alongside science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. The best way to foster that creative thinking for all GA students is through integrated, quality arts education. In a state such as Georgia in which school systems are so often faced with resource challenges, we are tasked with bringing legitimacy and urgency to the values of arts learning so that our next generation is offered access to the education that will best equip them to meet the requirements of success in a 21st century workforce.

Plan to join the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education as it partners with Georgia Council for the Arts for the <u>April 20 Critical Issues Forum</u>. **Rodney Sampson**, Partner, Diversity & Inclusion, TechSquare Labs, and **Martha Dalton**, WABE 90.1 FM education reporter, will discuss the value of arts in preparing the future innovation workforce in a keynote conversation. Immediately following, an expert panel will discuss the role of arts education in meeting current and future workforce needs in Georgia. Panel participants include:

- Syreea Hughley, Learning Center Manager, Google Fiber
- Gif Lockley, Principal, Savannah Arts Academy
- Jeff Stepakoff, Executive Director, Georgia Film Academy
- Panel Moderator Atiba Mbiwan, Associate Director, The Zeist Foundation

Networking & Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. Program begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION

Georgia Film Academy, Pinewood Atlanta Studios Production Center, Stage A 461 Sandy Creek Road Fayetteville, Georgia *Parking will be available. Look for the GPEE signs.

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REGISTRATION – Return by fax to 404-223-2299 <u>or</u> register online at https://april20criticalissuesforum.eventbrite.com by **Monday, April 17**.

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