

Community Building and Social Change Fellows Program



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Newsletter



What is the CBSC Fellows Program?

“The Community Building and Social Change (CBSC) Fellows Program introduces a talented, dedicated, and diverse group of Emory undergraduates to the challenges of, and opportunities for, building community in contemporary urban America. Through academic coursework, an intensive, paid 10-week internship summer field experience, site visits, small group meetings, and public presentations, CBSC Fellows have opportunities to see firsthand the critical role that collaboration plays in the resolution of important public issues.”

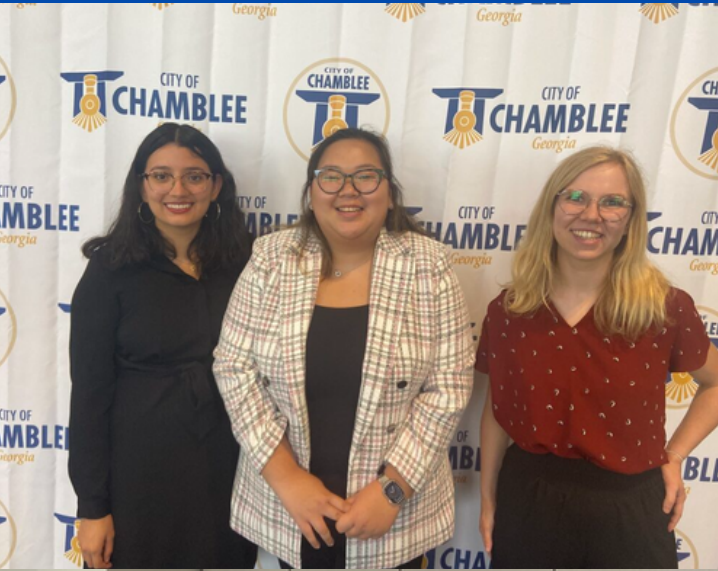


An Amazing 2023!



Early August, ten 2023 CBSC Fellows wrapped up a fantastic year. From engaging the Decatur community about the future of sustainable energy to creating a resource guide for small businesses on Buford Highway and understanding community awareness in Edgewood, our fellows had a very busy summer!

We Love Buford Highway



2023 Fellows Sophia Yang, Elisabet Ortiz, and Grace Fraser summer focus was creating a resource guide for small businesses of Buford Highway, a stretch of highway in Atlanta that contains many immigrant-owned small businesses.

The first part of the summer included talking with small business owners, local governments, and nonprofits to understand community needs and the existing resources available to fill those needs. Using this knowledge the team then focused on creating a resource guide that contained guides on how to successfully start a business and a list of resources available for free for small businesses.



This resource guide was presented to a gathering of around 30 attendees including small business owners, local government officials, and representatives from nonprofits. A local leader noted, that the CBSC work “helps us better understand the needs of our community.”



City of Decatur Climate Resilience Plan



Fellows Yulia Gu, Hannah Nelson, Skylar McGlockton, and Grace Regnier, worked with City of Decatur and Agnes Scott College staff tackling a key component of the Decatur Climate Resilience Plan. Their summer focused on surveying members of the Decatur community, primarily targeting on lower-income and elderly residents, to understand their thoughts on the Decatur's plans to make the city more sustainable.



The team presented their findings to City of Decatur officials, Climate Action Task Force members and residents. Feedback at the event noted, "The thoughtful and quality foundational work that you have created for this project will ensure we can continue this work with community trust and intentionality."

Whiteford Inc. Outreach



Fellows Benjamin Cho, Danielle Davis, and Sarah Kim spent their summer with Whiteford, Inc., a community-based nonprofit with both a health center and an early learning academy in the Edgewood community of Atlanta. These fellows spent their summer collecting input from Edgewood area residents to understand how Whiteford can best meet the health and educational needs of the community.

Their findings were presented to the Edgewood stakeholders and Whiteford staff. Their work was celebrated, demonstrated by a community leader sharing, “This work validates a lot of what we have expected, at a granular level. We have not had the muscle to get in and get to that level of detail.”

2023 Boston Learning Retreat



The CBSC Summer Learning Retreat is an important staple of the CBSC Program, giving students the opportunity to see firsthand the practice of community building in another U.S. city. This year, the fellows spent time in Boston, MA. They talked with members of several community-based, faith-based and government organizations, including the famous Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative studied in the CBSC Fall course, about the unique assets and challenges of building community in Boston.

The trip also included opportunities to engage with past CBSC Fellows including Blake Mayes and Adam Goldstein. Adam is now with the Mayor's Office of Housing so acted as a host for a fantastic series of discussions about affordable housing, public policy and innovative approaches to sustainable development.

2023 CBSC Fall Class

The 2023 Fall CBSC class, the required prerequisite for application to the full Fellows Program, is one of the most academically and geographically diverse the program has seen! With students coming from 29 different cities, including Atlanta, Los Angeles, Portland, and more, as well as having a variety of majors spanning Neuroscience, Sociology, Business, Political Science, Art, and more, this year is sure to be a memorable one.



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CBSC DROP-IN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2 - 4PM

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Latinx Art Exhibit

Sept. 15th - Oct. 13th

Daily from 10AM-4PM



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Stop by the 3rd Annual Invitational Art Exhibition, “Rooted in Our Latinx Heritage”. Seven artists representing seven Latinx countries come to share their stories through their art. Then join them for a Closing Party on Oct. 13!

Decatur Visitor Center, 113 Clairemont Ave

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