

# FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GEORGIA

Learn about the growth of Makerspaces outside Atlanta and commitments to local, sustainable food at Georgia's colleges and universities. How can these emerging trends support economic development in Georgia?

We invite you to join the Program in Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (STIP) at Georgia Tech and other economic developers and policy-makers for presentations on these topics by summer interns.



**WHAT:** Presentation of Georgia Innovation Intern Research Projects

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 26, 2015**  
12:30 – 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Hodges Connections Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Centergy Building at Tech Square  
75 Fifth Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30808

*A box lunch will be available for the first 30 guests.*

## **How do Makerspaces aid economic development in smaller locales?**

Eric Joseph Van Holm, a doctoral candidate in the School of Public Policy at Georgia State and Georgia Tech, has conducted interviews across the state to research how Makerspaces perceive themselves as contributing to economic development. His research focuses on tier 2 and smaller cities in Georgia, to understand how those jurisdictions differ in their needs and relationships with Makerspaces. He also reports on how local governments can support Makerspaces and help them to thrive.

## **How can campus sustainability commitments influence food purchasing in ways that support Georgia's farm economy?**

Rebecca Watts Hull, a third year PhD student in the School of History and Sociology at Georgia Tech, researched both national and state trends on college campuses with respect to local and sustainable food procurement. Rebecca's presentation will describe sustainable food commitments and practices at Georgia public universities, how they compare to national trends, and suggest strategies for enhancing support for Georgia's agricultural sector through these campus initiatives.