Learn about new economic mobility service networks, smart city projects, and entrepreneurship catalysts for minorities and women. How can these emerging trends and issues 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 STIP Intern Research Projects

**WHEN:** Monday, August 27, 2018, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hodges Connections Room
Centergy Building at Technology Square
75 Fifth Street, NW, Third Floor, Atlanta, GA 30808

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

**Promoting Economic Mobility through Transitioning the Atlanta Community Food Bank Partner Network**

Mirit Friedman is a master’s student at Georgia Tech in the School of City and Regional Planning. Her research explores ways the Atlanta Community Food Bank could work with its partner network of nearly 700 non-profit organizations to increase the economic mobility of the working families it serves. Through case studies of several different types of partner organizations, she examines how partners can reorganize to help clients extend beyond
meeting client emergency food needs to increasing their economic mobility. She lays out a framework to transition to more client-centric and data-driven service delivery.

**Hype versus Reality in Smart City Development Projects**

Supraja Sudharsan is a PhD student in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. Her research analyzes smart city plans, projects, and their implementation in three cities in the United States: Atlanta, Austin and Pittsburgh. By analyzing data on completed and ongoing smart city projects, Supraja provides insights into initial project pathways, associated partnerships that make implementation possible, and recommendations for city governments to develop their own smart city initiatives.

**Support for Women and Minority Tech Entrepreneurs in Atlanta’s Catalyst Organizations**

DeAnna Brown is a Master’s student at Georgia Tech in the School of Public Policy. Her research project explores the extent of support for minority and women technology entrepreneurs in catalyst organizations (accelerators, incubators, and co-working spaces). Based on case studies of five catalyst organizations, she investigates the differences in diversity and inclusion, access, and services between general and demographically targeted catalysts. She concludes with recommendations on how both general and demographically targeted catalysts may better serve Atlanta’s minority and women tech entrepreneurs.

**More Information**

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