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Fall Forums in Georgia

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Potential Dates for Fall Forums at Three Sites in Georgia

Dates being proposed for Fall NIF Forums in Georgia. The following September and October Dates are **under consideration** for our forums at the Carter Library, Russell Library, and the Tifton-Albany area.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20
Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	
Athens/Russell		Tifton/Albany	Atlanta/Carter			
Russell/Carter		Presidential Debates	Vice-Presidential Debates and Atlanta Carter		Presidential Debate and Tifton/Albany	

Jill suggests three of the four Tuesday dates above for Tifton/Albany and three of the Thursday dates in rose and gray for Athens/Russell. Tony Clark, Carter Library, has proposed the dates in blue, gray, and green as possibilities for the Carter Library. Note there are three dates with overlaps: **October 2nd** when the Vice-Presidential Debates is scheduled at Washington U. is also a date that might work for the Carter Library. **October 7th** which is the date for the Presidential Debate at Belmont University in Nashville is a possible date for the Tifton-Albany area. **October 9th** has been proposed as a date that would work for both the Carter and Russell Libraries. All of this is very preliminary, but it's a start. Our associates in the Tifton/Albany area will be best prepared to tell us dates that are most likely to be successful in their communities. We are scheduled to meet with them March 14 (story inside). Best, MHolt

If the first dates were to hold for each of the three sites, the healthcare forums would occur as follows:

September 17 – Carter Library

September 23 – Tifton/Albany Site(s)

September 25 – Russell Library

We of course will also need to talk about times of the day, and the other two issues as we move forward. Best, Margaret



Entrance to the Russell Library at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Read about Dr. Jay Hakes' new book: *A Declaration of Energy Independence*



Outside the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum, Atlanta, Georgia

Potential Partner: Southern Rural Development Center

One of our planners, **Sharon Gibson**, has noted that a potential partner for the fall forums may be the Southern Rural Development Center.

She posted this message to us:

"I just want to let you know that last week when you guys were meeting I was meeting with Dr. Beau Beaulieu Director of the Southern Rural Development Center based at Mississippi State University. The center serves all 13 Land

Grant Universities in the Southern Region. One of the topics of conversation was his desire to see Extension and Land Grants more engaged with Kettering and the National Issues Forum. I told him of our work and the move to conduct a number of forums before next November. He said he was going to be visiting with folks at Kettering this week (I think it was this week) and begin discussions on how to engage Ex-

tension in the deliberative process. I think the SRDC could be a great partner for us . . ."

Sharon M. Speights Gibson
Multi-Cultural Extension Specialist

State Coordinator Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Project

<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ext/cyfar/index.php>

Announcement of Dr. Jay Hakes' Book: *A Declaration of Energy Independence: How Freedom from Foreign Oil Can Improve National Security, Our Economy, and the Environment*

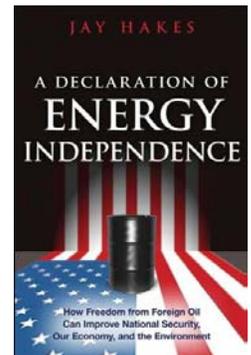
Dr. Pam Kleiber directs us to the Wiley Publishers website which contains the following information about Dr. Hakes' book:

<http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470267631.html>

"A former top national energy official offers a viable plan for American energy independence. Between rising oil prices, global instability, and environmental degradation, even lay people understand the need for American energy independence. Yet our political dialog tends to focus on the most extreme positions, leaving most citizens scratching their heads about what to do. A Declaration of Energy Independence takes a non-partisan, honest approach to these fundamental questions and obliterate

ates the political and economic myths of both conservatives and liberals. Jay E. Hakes combines real facts and solid science with historical context to ask the right questions and propose the best answers. After educating readers on the facts, A Declaration of Energy Independence goes on to offer an seven-point plan for breaking free from the costly energy trap and enhancing American influence abroad. This is an important and timely book for all Americans. Jay Hakes (Atlanta, GA) was head of the Energy Information Administration at the U.S. Department of Energy from 1993

to 2000, where he oversaw America's official energy data and analysis. He is currently head of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta."



Plans for Meeting in Tifton March 14th at the Agrirama

Greetings all,

Please save Friday March 14th for our meeting to discuss forums in the Tifton and possibly Albany areas this fall. I have reserved the board room at the Agrirama for the meeting. I am also going to work with the event coordinator there to order box lunches for the meeting so we don't interrupt our meeting flow with going out to get lunch. Please let me know if you have any strong food preferences or dietary restrictions as soon as possible (Margaret, please be sure and ask Sue and Faye about this). I would like to arrange the lunch details by the end of this week, if possible. I will contact Eunice Mixon by telephone and share these details.

I've also been considering the agenda for the meeting and I'd like to propose the following:

- 12:00 p.m. arrive at Agrirama
- 12-12:15 p.m. get acquainted
- 12:15 -1 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15-2:00 p.m. orientation to the National Issues Forum program
- 2-3:00 p.m. discuss possibilities and details for bringing forums to Tifton and possibly to Albany
- 3:00 p.m. end meeting

Please let me know if this suits, and let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Athens folks traveling to Tifton, I will contact you shortly to discuss travel arrangements.

Thank you all for your interest and time,

Jill (Severn)

UGA Honor's Student from this area, **Susan Guo** is linking us with a member of her network in Tifton -**Kelly Ann Frizzell**.



UGA's Russell Library Archivist, Jill Severn, is leading the planning to hold forums in the Tifton-Albany area during the Fall.

Involvement of Albany State University Anticipated

Albany State University's Department of History, Political Science, and Public Administration in recent years has been a magnificent host site for the Estus Smith Vineyard Healing Foundation's leadership with the National Issues Forums and Public Policy Institutes.

We are expecting **Dr. Babafemi O. Elufiede**, chair of the Political Science and History Dept. and **Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper**, professor in the Master of Public Administration Program, both at Albany State to join us March 14th for planning for forums in the Tifton-Albany area of Georgia during the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debate Peri-



Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper

ods. Veronica with great assistance from **Ms. Calandra Jefferson**, Coordinator, Albany Museum of Art, has held several public policy institutes and

related forum activities on the Albany campus. She has been very successful in engaging faculty, students, and citizens from her area to learn about moderating and framing public policy issues.

"She is the Founding President/CEO of the Estus Smith Vineyard Health Foundation that fosters democracy through re-developing African-American Society."



MHolt's Basework Workspace

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the Georgia Fall Forum planners in the loop regarding what is being considered and what is actually underway. I will try and "publish from my basement" one a month up until the forums are held in the Fall.

If you have articles and ideas you'd like to share, send them my way and I'll do my best to include them in future issues. I'd prefer to keep this really focused on these forums, so please send me only material that fits that gentle requirement.

Best, MHolt

DC Meeting with Directors of the Presidential Libraries March 5 and 6



Diane Eisenberg, Kettering Associate, has coordinated the March Meeting with Presidential Library Directors and National Issues Forum Practitioners from around the country.

Jill Severn and Margaret Holt will be among other NIF coordinators at a working luncheon for Presidential Library Directors on Thursday March 6 at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

This will give us an opportunity to talk about our plans for Georgia and the forums and also to learn what is underway at other Presidential Libraries.

We feel that we are in a rather unique position, because we have been involved with the Carter Library almost since it opened and have found our colleagues there always receptive to public policy programs.

Also we are delighted that the Richard Russell Library on

the University of Georgia campus has assumed a leadership role and is also planning forums, and as this newsletter suggests we are anticipating forums also in the Albany State University and Tifton, Georgia area. Our state is geographically the largest east of the Mississippi, and we feel it is important to provide opportunities for our citizens to participate in forums who may not easily have access to Atlanta and Athens.

Honors students from the UGA campus have expressed an interest in serving as moderators for several of these forums in the fall.

While we are in Washington we will participate in an "experiment" "in reporting on the public's thinking on two critical issues confronting communities and the nation:

"The Energy Problem" and "Paying for Health Care in America." Frank Sesno, special correspondent from CNN will serve as moderator.

Jill and Margaret will be furiously taking notes that we hope we can share with our planning team when we return to Georgia.