

STATE OF BLACK ATLANTA SUMMIT 2010 – CALL FOR PAPERS

Atlanta has often been called the “Black Mecca” and it is consistently rated one of the “Best Cities” for African Americans by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Yet, Atlanta is a city of paradoxes. Atlanta has the largest concentration of black millionaires and its black child poverty rate is one of the highest in the country. Atlanta has undergone a dramatic demographic shift over the past four decades. Atlanta went from being 51.3 percent black in 1970 to 67.1 percent in 1990 to 61.4 percent black in 2000 to 55.7 percent black in 2006.

Summit Focus

The Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University is hosting the **State of Black Atlanta Summit 2010** in Atlanta, Georgia **February 20, 2010**. The Summit will bring together researchers, planners, educators, policy analysts, elected officials, faith leaders, and community organizers to present findings on race, place, and equity matters and explores the extent that Black Atlantans are benefitting from policies, programs, and resources as the city goes green and sustainable. It will also assess the impact of the recent economic recession and stimulus funding initiatives on Black Atlantans’ road to recovery and pathway to prosperity.

Call for Working Papers

If you are a practitioner, researcher, planner, and/or educator that would like to present a paper at the State of Black Atlanta Summit 2010, please submit a **500-word** abstract. Please provide the name of the author(s), affiliation(s), and an email address for correspondence purposes. Working paper submissions are sought in areas using a social equity and racial justice lens. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Economic development and Black businesses, access and participation in green economy, green jobs
- Housing (affordable housing, public housing, home foreclosures, predatory lending, redlining, displacement, gentrification, residential segregation)
- Transportation (regional transportation, public transit, MARTA, Beltline)
- Employment, unemployment, underemployment, livable wage, spatial mismatch, job sprawl
- Environment and environmental justice (air quality, water quality, solid waste, brownfields, etc.)
- Income, wealth creation, and poverty
- Crime, policing, criminal justice, public safety
- Education, educational attainment, school achievement, dropout rate, high school graduation rate, Black teachers
- Higher education, access and affordability, student achievement, Atlanta University Center
- Health and healthcare (health disparities, access to health care, "safety net," Grady Hospital, uninsured)
- Status of Black families and children, poverty, pathways to self sufficiency
- Food security, food justice, food deserts, community gardens, urban agriculture, and access to healthy foods
- Parks, green space, green access, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly street and walkable neighborhoods
- Climate change, climate justice, climate gap, climate action plan
- Renewable energy and nonrenewable energy use
- Civil rights and human rights
- Politics, elected officials, voter participation, changing demographics of city

Full Papers

The EJRC welcomes submissions of full papers, as well as work-in-progress. Full papers must be no longer than **2,500** words (inclusive of all figures, references and appendices). We encourage authors to organize their Working Papers using the following outline: (1) Problem Statement; (2) Facts, (3) Implications, (4) Opportunities, Partnerships, Collaborations, and Working Models; (5) Policy Solutions and Recommendations, and (6) Conclusion. Submission of a paper for review will be considered your agreement that at least one author will register and attend if your paper is accepted.

Accepted papers will be published as a Summit report on the EJRC website at www.ejrc.cau.edu. Authors of selected, top quality papers from the Summit will be invited to submit an extended version of their papers to be published the *State of Black Atlanta* report series published by Clark Atlanta University Press. The Summit is part of the EJRC Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities Initiative funded by the Ford Foundation.

Abstracts are due: **December 5, 2009.**

Full papers are due: **February 5, 2010**

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