



University of Georgia Special Collections Library, Athens, GA

Date	Time	Session Cluster	Presentations	Notes
Wed Oct 14–Thu Oct 15	8:00 PM, Oct 14–2:15 AM, Oct 15, EST	Online pre-conference session	Pre-conference joint symposium sponsored by KNU and HERA at CCAT 2026	Online
			Jaehwan Kim (Chair), Chang-Deock Oh, Ji-Young Kwon, & Eun-Seon Choi — AI & Spatial Intelligence for Age-Friendly, Sustainable Communities	
			HERA presenters: Eunju Hwang, Gregory Galford, & Jaehwan Kim	
Monday, Oct 19	Day section	Day section	Monday conference sessions	
Oct 19	7:30 AM–8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast	Conference networking breakfast	
Oct 19	8:30 AM–9:00 AM	Welcome	Opening welcome	
Oct 19	9:00 AM–10:15 AM	Policy/Affordability	Samaila Adelaiye — Incentives, Exemptions, and Housing Growth: The Impact of Connecticut's 8-30G	
			Taiwo Babalola & Kimberly Skobba — Financial Instability and Housing Asset Monetization: The Moderation Effect of Financial Knowledge	
			Nayeon Kim — Whose Home, Whose Control? Agency in AI Enabled Housing	
Oct 19	10:30 AM–11:45 AM	Education/Design	Allen, K., Byron, L. H., Davis, K., Humrich, A., Jerome, L., Kipp, M. J., Knowles, H.S., & Monaghan, P. — Building Housing Literacy Through Home Energy and Water Evaluation	Hybrid

			Žaklina Grgić - Rethinking Planning Through Housing Pathways of Young Adults in Croatia [Online] Lisa Tucker — Adaptive Reuse for Sustainable Affordable Housing Solution [Online]	
Oct 19	11:45 AM–Noon	Break		
Oct 19	Noon–12:45 PM	Lunch	Lunch	
	12:45pm-2:00pm	Keynote Speaker	Monica Callahan — Director of the Madison Planning Department in Madison, Georgia and co-author of <i>The Community Housing Handbook</i>	
Oct 19	2:00 PM-2:30 PM	Break		
Oct 19	2:30 PM–3:45 PM	Aging and Care	Denise McAllister — Interior Elements Impact on the Wellbeing of Memory Care Center Residents Julie Irish — Who Cares? A Case Study Describing a Respite Care Home Julie Irish — A Pilot Study Addressing Aging Housing for Aging in Place Hyun Joo Kwon, Jiyoung Oh, Min-Hye Goo, & Eunju Hwang — Human-Supported Sensor Monitoring for Older Adults Living Alone [Online]	
Oct 19	3:45 PM–4:00 PM	Break		
Oct 19	4:15 PM–5:00 PM	Section Meetings	Academic, Research, and Extension section meetings	
Oct 19	5:00 PM–7:00 PM	Panel Event & Reception	<i>The Student Housing Landscape: Housing, Growth, and Community in Athens</i> Sara Beresford, Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission	Open to the public

			Kelly Girtz, Mayor of Athens-Clarke County	
			Chase Lawrence, Founder and CEO of CollegeTown Property	
Tuesday, Oct 20	Day section	Day section	Tuesday conference sessions	
Oct 20	8:00 AM–9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast	Conference networking breakfast	
Oct 20	9:00 AM–10:15 AM	Community/Property Management	Erin Hopkins — Short-Term Rentals Through a Property Management Lens	
			Simon Suuk, Randy Cantrell, & Jenee Duncan — Rural Household and Community Impacts on International Youths’ Career Choices	
			Sunil Gopaul — Systemic Housing Deprivation and Health Burden across Districts: Baseline Study of Low-Income Households in Guyana	
Oct 20	10:15 AM–10:30 AM	Break		
Oct 20	10:30 AM–11:45 AM	Community/Mobility	Kiana Drummond, Kimberly Skobba, & Terri Lewinson — Precarious Pathways: Exploring the Life Circumstances of Extended-Stay Hotel Residents	
			Kimberly Skobba, Kane Sharon, & Ashlee Tziganuk — Exploring Motivational Factors Behind the Household Mobility of Older Adults	
			Eunju Hwang, Jaehwan Kim, Junghwan Kim, & Euntak Lee — Smart Age-Friendly Environments: Leveraging GeoAI and Design for Everyone	
			Discussant: Gregory Galford	
Oct 20	11:45 AM-Noon	Break		
Oct 20	Noon–2:00 PM	Lunch and Awards	Lunch, awards, and recognitions, Keynote speaker: Debbie Phillips	

	2:00 PM-2:15 PM	Break		
Oct 20	2:15 PM-4:00 PM	2027 HERA Board Meeting	2027 HERA Board Meeting	
Oct 20	4:15 PM-5:00 PM	Aging-in-Place Meeting	Aging-in-Place Meeting: USDA multi-state research team meeting	
Oct 20	5:00 PM-5:30 PM	Closing Remarks	Kimberly Skobba Gregory Galford	

Presentation Guidelines

Each paper session is 75 minutes and includes three to four presentations. To keep sessions on schedule and allow time for audience discussion, presenters should plan for approximately 15 minutes (four presentation sessions) or 20 minutes (three presentation session) of presentation time, followed by a shared discussion period at the end of the session.

Recommended Session Format

- Most conference sessions are in-person oral presentation sessions.
- A limited number of sessions will be offered online or in a hybrid format.
- For online and hybrid sessions, a Zoom link will be provided to online presenters before the session.
- Unless otherwise noted, each 75-minute session includes three or four presentations, with approximately 15- 20 minutes per presenter and time reserved for shared discussion.

Guidelines for Online Presenters

- Use the Zoom link provided by the conference organizers and join the session at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Use a stable internet connection and test your microphone, camera, screen sharing, and slide deck in advance.
- Keep your presentation within the assigned 20-minute time limit.
- Rename yourself in Zoom using your full name and affiliation so the moderator and attendees can identify you.
- Mute your microphone when you are not speaking, and keep your camera on when possible during your presentation and discussion.
- If you use audio or video clips, notify the moderator before the session begins.
- Stay in the session through the shared discussion period so audience questions can be addressed at the end.

Guidelines for In-Person Presenters

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the session begins to confirm room setup and presentation order.

- Limit your presentation to 20 minutes so all presenters have equal time.
- Prepare slides with clear headings, readable font sizes, strong color contrast, and minimal text per slide.
- If using images, charts, or maps, briefly describe the key visual information for accessibility.
- End with one or two key takeaways to support discussion across the session theme.

Guidelines for Moderators

- Welcome attendees, introduce the session theme, and confirm the order of presentations.
- Keep time carefully and give presenters a brief signal when 5 minutes and 1 minute remain.
- Hold most questions until the shared discussion period unless clarification is needed.
- Encourage concise questions and invite connections across the three presentations.
- Conclude on time so attendees can move to the next session or break.

Speakers

October 19 (Mon) Lunch

Monica H. Callahan, AICP, returns to consulting with Serviceberry, a strategic planning and implementation firm dedicated to helping communities advance revitalization and housing goals. She is a nationally recognized planning practitioner with deep expertise in housing strategy, civic board governance, and sustained community building. As Planning & Development Director for a small Georgia city, she led multiple LIHTC developments, CDBG and CHIP housing initiatives, the GICH housing team, and layered redevelopment projects that strengthen local capacity and expand equitable housing access. Her work translates complex housing systems into practical, context-sensitive strategies. Monica specializes in organizing trusted leadership networks, activating local strengths such as social capital and aligned partnerships, and guiding communities from readiness to implementation. She is also co-author of *The Community Housing Handbook* (Routledge, 2026), a national resource for community leaders navigating housing challenges and long-term stewardship.

October 19 (Mon) Reception

Sara Beresford is an urban planner and Director of Planning and Program Management at MicroLife Institute. At MicroLife, she works to expand housing choice by developing communities that offer a wider range of housing types and price points. Her background in environmental science and conservation informs her approach to land use planning and her commitment to creating more livable, sustainable communities. She serves on the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission and holds master's degrees in Conservation Ecology and Urban Planning and Design, both from the University of Georgia. An Athens resident for over 25 years, she has witnessed firsthand how student housing has influenced the city's growth and character.

Kelly Girtz has served as Mayor of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government since 2019, following 12 years as the District 9 Commissioner. An educator and school administrator by profession, he previously worked as a principal and teacher in the Clarke County School District and as Regional

Director for Student Services at Foothills Charter High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University, a Master of Arts in Teaching in Social Science Education from Piedmont College, and a Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia. His civic service has included board roles with Family Connection–Communities in Schools of Athens, the Red Cross of Northeast Georgia, and Envision Athens.

Chase Lawrence is the President and Founder of CollegeTown Properties, an Athens, Georgia–based student housing company specializing in development, brokerage, and property management. Since 2006, he has been active in the design, development, operation, and brokerage of student housing projects across the country. Under his leadership, CollegeTown Properties has grown as a boutique operator in multiple Southeastern markets, with a focus on brand development, resident experience, property operations, and brokerage. He is also recognized for guiding developments that emphasize place-making, adaptive reuse, and high-quality student living environments.

October 20 (Tue), Lunch

Debbie Phillips, Ph.D., CPM®, is an internationally recognized real estate professional, educator, consultant, keynote speaker, and author. She is President of The Quadrillion and President of the Real Estate Career Academy, with more than 30 years of experience across real estate, multifamily housing, talent development, leadership development, and workforce initiatives. Her doctoral research at Georgia Tech focused on resident satisfaction and employee engagement in the multifamily housing industry, and she also holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Georgia, including a Master of Science in Housing and Consumer Economics with an emphasis on senior housing. Phillips is widely recognized for advancing professional development and career pathways in real estate and multifamily housing.

Conference Venue and Travel Information

Venue: UGA Special Collections Libraries

The conference venue is the Richard B. Russell Jr. Special Collections Libraries Building at the University of Georgia, located at 300 S. Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602. The facility brings together three major archival collections: the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, including University Archives; the Richard B. Russell Jr. Library for Political Research and Studies; and the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection. Opened in 2012, the 115,000-square-foot building includes exhibit galleries, event and classroom spaces, research rooms, and a high-density archival vault designed for long-term preservation. More information is available [here](#)

[Welcome | UGA Libraries](#)

Venue Floor Plans and Wayfinding

Official floor plans for the UGA Special Collections Libraries are available through UGA Libraries and include the building section, entry level/first floor, exhibit level/second floor, and classroom level/third

floor. The first floor includes the main entry, security/information desk, elevators, stairs, and emergency exits. The second floor includes major exhibit areas, classrooms, the auditorium, rotunda, event space, elevators, and emergency exits.

Floor plans are available here:

[UGA Special Collections Libraries floor plans.](#)

Parking

Visitor parking for the UGA Special Collections Libraries is available in the Hull Street Parking Deck near the Richard B. Russell Jr. Special Collections Libraries Building. The Hull Street Deck entrance is at the south entrance near Baxter Street. Pay parking is available in the Hull Street Deck after 1:00 PM.

Accessible visitor parking is located on Level 3, which also connects by pedestrian bridge to the quad in front of the Special Collections Libraries. Additional visitor parking is available for an hourly fee at the Tate Center Parking Deck.

The conference host nor the conference venue (UGA Special Collections Library) is able to validate parking. If parking is needed, you will need to contact Parking Services (706-542-7275) for event parking options.

Getting to the Special Collections Libraries

The building is located on South Hull Street near the Hull Street Parking Deck. Off-campus visitors may use the Hull Street Deck; free visitor parking may be available with a coupon code requested in advance from Special Collections Libraries or obtained at the first-floor Security Desk upon arrival. The third level of the Hull Street Deck connects by pedestrian bridge to the quad in front of the Special Collections Libraries, and accessible visitor parking is also located on Level 3.

Travel from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to Athens

The closest major airport for most travelers is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Groome Transportation operates scheduled shuttle service between ATL and Athens, including stops such as the University of Georgia Georgia Center, the Classic Center, Foundry Park hotels/Hotel Indigo, **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Athens**, and the Groome Athens office. Advance reservations are encouraged, and the listed Athens–ATL fare begins at approximately \$55 one way, with schedules subject to change.

By car, the trip from Atlanta airport to Athens typically takes about 1.5 to 2 hours depending on traffic. Travelers renting a car or using a rideshare should enter the venue address as: Richard B. Russell Jr. Special Collections Libraries Building, 300 S. Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602.

Nearby Hotel Options

- **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Athens Downtown/University Area** — 220 South Hull Street, Athens, GA 30605. This all-suite hotel is adjacent to the University of Georgia and downtown Athens, within walking distance of campus, the Classic Center, shops, restaurants, and music

venues. Amenities listed by Marriott include complimentary hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi for Marriott Bonvoy members, fitness center, meeting space, and on-site parking.

- **Holiday Inn Express Athens-University Area** — 513 West Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601. This downtown hotel is located close to the University of Georgia campus and downtown Athens. Amenities listed by IHG include complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, fitness center, outdoor pool, business center, meeting rooms, pet-friendly rooms, and on-site parking for a daily fee.