Metro Atlanta is home to 57 colleges and universities with nearly 300,000 students enrolled each year, ranking 7th in the nation in enrollment. These institutions generate nearly $11 billion in economic impact, create 130,000 jobs and pay $3 billion in state and local taxes. Their impact on communities can’t be overstated.

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At the next quarterly Atlanta Regional Housing Forum, we’ll explore the world of university roles in communities and speak with professionals in these anchor institutions.

**FORUM AGENDA**

9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee

9:30 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
Bill Bolling, President
Atlanta Community Food Bank

9:45 a.m. Presentations by:

Dr. Elizabeth Fuller, Georgia State University

Dr. Jacqueline Royster, Georgia Institute of Technology

10:45 a.m. Discussion

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

**Dr. Elizabeth Fuller** is an associate project director at the Georgia Health Policy Center at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies of Georgia State University. Much of her work is in the intersection of research and policy and the translation of scientific findings to multiple audiences and stakeholder groups. Dr. Fuller manages and directs the Health Impact Assessment and Health in All Policies work of the GHPC. She also provides research support for Health Insurance Exchange Planning for the Georgia Governor’s Office and manages the GHPC’s Affordable Care Act’s analysis team. Dr. Fuller will discuss GSU’s commitment to health in communities.

**Dr. Jacqueline Royster** is Dean of Georgia Tech’s Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. She holds the Ivan Allen Jr. Dean’s Chair in Liberal Arts and Technology, and is Professor of English in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication. Her research centers on rhetorical studies, literacy studies, and women’s studies, areas in which she has authored and co-authored numerous articles and book chapters. Dr. Royster is a strong advocate for Georgia Tech’s outreach into the Westside neighborhoods.

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